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## Defensive Military Agreement Signed In Venice HUNGARIAN ALLIANCE WITH ITALY REPORTED

### New Pact Aimed At Preventing Expansion Of European War To Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 8. (UP)—It is reported by very reliable sources that Count Czaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, have concluded a defensive military alliance.

The alliance is "intended to protect and maintain peace in the Balkan and south-eastern Europe."

It is expected that the alliance will be officially announced after Count Ciano has reported to Signor Mussolini. This will be done to-morrow.

The alliance provides that Hungary will pursue its revisionist aims against its neighbours by peaceful means.

Count Czaky left Rome for Budapest at 6.03 p.m.

Immediately after his departure, Count Ciano conferred with Signor Gayda, commenting on the Venice talks in the "Giornale d'Italia," said to-day that Italy and Hungary were both determined to prevent the expansion of the war to the Balkan States and the Mediterranean Sea.

He warned that Hungary's desire to limit the conflict should not cause interested Powers to refuse to try to reach a reasonable solution of Hungary's revisionist problems.

In view of the European political and military situation, he said, the Italian and Hungarian foreign ministers had decided not to publish the substance of their talks at Venice.

Czaky's Hint To Rumania

ROME, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," gives a hint to Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial differences with Hungary in view of the European situation.

He says that the proposal to Hungary to settle problems peacefully cannot create a pretext for other Powers concerned to avoid a sincere examination and reasonable solution of the problems awaiting settlement.

It would be a fatal mistake not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution by just means, says Signor Gayda.

Direct American Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—The Government has informed the League of Nations that American organisations are consulting directly with Finland regarding the request for material and humanitarian assistance.

The note, handed by the United States Minister at Bern, says that the United States Government from the outbreak of hostilities has given tangible indication of sympathy to the people and government of Finland. The American Red Cross and private organisations have given medical, financial and other help, and they are consulting with Finnish agencies regarding the most effective manner in which such aid may be continued and expanded.

### CANADIAN C.O. ENTERTAINED

LONDON, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—The leader of the Canadian Overseas Army, Major-General Andrew McNaughton, and his two senior officers, were entertained on Sunday by the Duke of Cornwall at his Surrey residence.

His Royal Highness, who is a former Governor-General of Canada, showed an active interest in the welfare and training of the Canadian troops.

Major-General McNaughton said that the British authorities had done their utmost to make the Canadians comfortable and to help with their training.

The U-boat then disappeared.

### Facts

#### HUNGARY

Population (1930 census) 8,683,740, living in an area of 36,179 square miles.

Army in 1938: 1800 officers and 35,000 other ranks.

No Air Force. The Army possesses only two aeroplanes.

Mechanised Forces: 12 tanks.

Artillery: Fewer than 100 heavy pieces.

Navy: Four motorboats.

#### ITALY

Population: 44,000,000.

Metropolitan Army: 260,000.

Fascist Militia: 559,000.

Overseas garrisons about 120,000.

Mussolini recently boasted that he could raise an army of 10,000,000.

Navy: Ships completed at end of 1938: Four battleships, 23 cruisers, 60 destroyers, 60 torpedo boats, 103 submarines, 100 motor-torpedo boats.

Four battleships are building with 12 cruisers, 7 destroyers, 2 or more torpedo boats and about 20 submarines.

Air Force: Military planes were known to number 3,000 in 1938.

### ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

25 Per Cent. Increase  
Urged For U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—Because the international situation "in conjunction with Far Eastern conditions presents a threat of world conflagration," Admiral Stark, Chief of Operations, appearing before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee, urged Congress to approve the \$1,300,000,000 increase in the U.S. Fleet.

Admiral Stark testified that "if the United States does not take immediate action towards increasing the strength of the Fleet, the end of the present war will find us in a relatively weak position."

Admiral Stark's testimony indicates that the expansion programme has been revised, since it was first announced, to provide some larger ships than originally contemplated.

Hearing of the expansion programme opened with a brief preliminary statement by Mr. Charles Edison, Secretary for the Navy, who declared that he believed that the proposed 25 per cent. increase of the Fleet's size was needed "in view of the international situation."

### 107 New Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (UP).—Admiral Stark, who testified before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, said that

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### BIG BONDS FRAUD

## PARADE OF MOVIE STARS

Astonishing U.S.  
Court Scenes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. (UP).—The conviction of Felipe Buencamino, a member of the Philippine Legislative Council on a count of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the sale of Philippine Railroad bonds, has been affirmed by the District Court of Appeals.

The convictions of William Gillespie were affirmed on all counts, with the exception of two counts of fraudulent use of the mails, which were reversed.

The decision does not change the original sentence imposed.

Mr. Buencamino said: "I am sorry regarding the outcome of the appeal. I still feel that I have done no wrong. My attorneys are studying the decision."

As yet, no decision has been made regarding further appeals.

Contention Upheld

The 20-page opinion sustains the prosecution's contention that Bruckner met Buencamino, who is a "powerful figure in island politics, and that Buencamino agreed to lend Legislative aid in return for \$50,000, which the prosecution contends is a bribe."

The opinion reviews Bruckner's activities in seeking to raise money in London. Buencamino held out for \$50,000 before he would sail for London, remaining unemployed by the \$5,000 deposit in his name in Montreal.

None of the defendants were present in court. Buencamino's lawyer, Mr. George Norton, said he had not made any decision regarding his next step.

Robuko By Judge

Circuit Judge Charles E. Clark, condemned the courtroom tactics of the prosecution. William P. Maloney, but said the evidence of the defendant's guilt was so overwhelming that the "attack of the appellants on the prosecution must fail."

He referred to the fact that the appellants' brief bitterly attacked the prosecution in a personal manner.

Judge Clark said: "Even from the printed record we can see the vigour with which the Prosecutor pressed the case which, at times, went beyond the decorum and dignity which an officer of the United States should observe."

The Judge criticised the "parading" of chorus girls and movie stars to the stand to "prove" minor points.

### Less Unemployed In Britain

LONDON, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—The registered unemployed on December 12, totalled 1,361,000, which was \$1,000 less than on November 12 and \$69,800 less than on December 12, 1939.



INDICATIVE OF THE EXTENT of China's "scorched earth policy" which aims at leaving nothing for the Japanese in the conquered area, this photograph shows the deliberate damage done to the main highway between Nanning and Pakhoi. The road is absolutely impassable to all traffic. The Japanese caption to this photograph states that the destruction was carried out by "considerable engineering skill". —South China Photo Service.

### French Premier Breaks Ankle

PARIS, Jan. 8. (UP).—It has been officially announced that the French Prime Minister, M. Edouard Daladier, broke his ankle in an accident on Sunday.

The announcement said that the X-ray examination disclosed that the fractured joint has been "satisfactorily restored to its correct position."

M. Daladier resumed his duties at the War Office to-day.

### FOOD RATIONS, AND WHY

British Ministry's  
Four Reasons

LONDON, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—The Food Ministry announces to-day the following reasons for rationing:

1.—It prevents the waste of food. We must not ask sailors to bring unnecessary food cargoes at the risk of their lives.

2.—It increases the war effort. Reduction of the purchases of food abroad releases ships bringing other imports.

3.—It divides supplies equally.

4.—It prevents uncertainty.

Not A Deprivation

Properly regarded, it is a system not of deprivation but of convenience. With the quantities assured and alternatives available, the diet of the nation will lose nothing in food values, while the relief to shipping will free it for cargoes which are vital to victory.

And the public needed a stimulus to a cheerful acceptance of the plan. It was found in Mr. Herbert Morrison's plea that we should not ask seafaring men to add to the risks they are hourly taking with such fine courage by bringing in excess food.

### King Of Thai In Switzerland

ZURICH, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—The 14-year-old King of Thailand, accompanied by his mother and brother, has arrived in Switzerland on holiday.

### Russians Abandon Colossal Booty

## AMAZING CLAIMS BY FINNISH H.Q.

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—A communique claims that the Finns scored a striking victory in destroying a Soviet division on the road from Suomussalmi to the Soviet frontier.

Besides 1,000 prisoners, the Finns captured much material, including tanks and armoured cars.

The communique states that in the recent fighting the main object has been to regulate the 44th Russian Division, and this has now been achieved, the enemy's main forces having been destroyed.

The booty captured include 102 guns, 43 tanks, 10 armoured cars, aeroplanes, 278 motor vehicles of various kinds, over 1,000 horses and 47 field kitchens.

### TRADE PARLEYS BREAK DOWN

U.S. And Argentine  
Abandoned Scheme

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the United States and the Argentine have agreed to abandon completely negotiations for a trade treaty.

These negotiations broke down last week.

The State Department ascribes the failure of the negotiations to the impossibility of reaching an agreement on the subject of customs quotas for typical Argentinian exports such as linseed and tinned beef.

### BRITISH C-IN-C. DECORATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 8. (UP).—It is officially announced that General Mario Gamella decorated Viscount Gort and General Ironside with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

Detachments of the Welsh Guards and French Zouaves formed a guard of honour.

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## 35,000-ton Ships for Hongkong

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (UP).—Two new 35,000-ton passenger liners which are among 40 to 50 new vessels to be constructed by the American Government during the current year, are to be placed on service between San Francisco and Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila when completed.

This announcement was made by an official of the U.S. Maritime Commission to-day.

The remainder of the projected fleet will be composed of cargo ships, although the Government may place contracts later in the year for two similar passenger ships for the South American service.

The new 35,000-ton liners will be constructed so that, in the event of war, they can be immediately converted into aircraft-carriers.

### LATEST

## ARGYLE ST. RIOTING

Soldier — Internees  
Battle With Police

CONSIDERABLE RETICENCE is being maintained by the police regarding a riot which occurred in the new internment camp for Chinese soldiers in Argyle Street yesterday afternoon.

Although official circles will give no information the "Telegraph" understands that, as a result of the riots, two Indian police officers and several Chinese internees are in Kowloon hospital, suffering from injuries.

It is stated that the disturbance became so general that the emergency unit had to be called out to quell it.

The "Telegraph" understands that a European officer attempted to arrest an internee who was guilty of an infraction of the camp rules.

The European was mobbed by a number of the internees and was able to extricate himself from a dangerous position only by drawing his revolver and summoning the guards.

In the general melee that followed, internees used their bed boards as weapons and the disorders ended only after the guards and extra police had made several baton charges.

It is understood that several alleged ringleaders were arrested last night after "lights out."

The internees, who number over 700 and who were interned when they laid down their arms in British territory in 1937, were only recently removed to the new commodious internment camp in Argyle Street from the Matsukok Camp.

### ROME AID FOR FINNS THWARTED

Nazis Holding Up  
Aeroplanes

LONDON, Jan. 8. (UP).—Germany now admits having stopped Italian aeroplanes from proceeding through to Finland.

According to an "Associated Press" correspondent, Italian planes were sent by rail to a Baltic port, their destination being Finland. The number is not known but there are a number of Italian railway cars at that port.

Soviet Pressure On Nazis

The Nazi attitude seems to have been determined by Soviet pressure. The Nazi Government would not be able to co-operate with its Italian Axis partner in aiding Finland without violent objections from the newly-Soviet Russia.

Stopped In Transit

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—A large quantity of war material destined for Finland was stopped in transit by Germany, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Belga" agency.

At first sight the material seems to have originated from Italy.

So for German circles have given no political or legal justification for this seizure.

### U.S. Consul's New Appointment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day nominated Mr. Clarence Gustus, United States Consul-General in Shanghai, as the first United States Minister to Australia.

A "Reuter" report confirms this appointment.

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Further Late News



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Japan and Shanghai	Jan. 9.
Shanghai	Jan. 9.
Straits and Saigon	Jan. 9.
Straits	Jan. 9.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 3rd January.	Jan. 10.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November)	Jan. 10.
Java and Manila	Jan. 10.
Manila	Jan. 10.
Manila	Jan. 10.
Rubaul and Manila	Jan. 10.
Shanghai	Jan. 10.
Shanghai and Amoy	Jan. 10.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd January.	Jan. 11.
Hainan	Jan. 11.
Japan	Jan. 11.
Shanghai	Jan. 11.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 6th Dec. 1939)	Jan. 11.
Canton	Jan. 12.
Japan and Shanghai	Jan. 12.
Manila	Jan. 12.
Shanghai	Jan. 12.
Canton	Jan. 13.
Calcutta and Straits	Jan. 13.
Sandakan	Jan. 13.
Shanghai	Jan. 13.

### OUTWARD MAILS

Straits	Tuesday, Jan. 9
Saloon	12.30 p.m.
Manila	4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 17th January.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 16th Jan.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
Japan	7.00 p.m.
Saloon	7 p.m.
Swatow	Wednesday, Jan. 10
Straits and Calcutta	10.30 a.m.
Parcels	Jan. 10, 11.00 a.m.
Ord.	Jan. 10, Noon.
Hainan	2.00 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin	2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Province only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 18th January.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Jan. 10, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Jan. 10, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Jan. 10, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Jan. 10, 7.00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 11	
Parcels only for Straits	9.30 a.m.
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 31st January	
K.P.O.	
Parcels	Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Reg.	Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Jan. 11, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Parcels	Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Reg.	Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Jan. 11, 7 p.m.
Amoy	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12	
Tourane	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin	10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin	2.30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 14	
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin	9 a.m.

## Mr. Casey Appointed

Washington, Jan. 7. The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, announces that United States diplomatic relations have been established with Australia by the appointment of the Australian Minister of Supply, Mr. Richard Casey, as first Australian Minister to Washington.

The United States Minister to Canberra will be announced shortly.

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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1890.  
The projected Fifth of Clyde Canal to connect the Atlantic Ocean with the North Sea will be begun at once. A Banchette firm has contracted to complete the canal at a cost of £8,000,000.

Three new ironclads of 14,000 tons and 20,000 horse-power will be added to the naval strength of Italy as soon as possible. Vessels, armor, guns etc. are to be made in Italy.

The "Cherolotha" is the last London dance, the name comes from chere, a dance, and olithanin, to glide.

Baron Douezal, a French officer, proposes that France and Germany should fight on a new principle, each country to have 100,000 men on its side only. At the same time he is liberal in his offers to Germany, and says that the country may have 10,000 Italians to help it.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1915.  
The deadlock on the western front seems complete. In spite of incessant attacks, driven home with quite extraordinary resolution and hurries of shell expended every day, the lines and gains along the fighting front fairly balance one another, and at this rate things could go on for weeks with advantage to neither side were the resources behind both more nearly equal.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1930.  
A further fall of a farthing was registered in respect of the Hongkong dollar when exchange opened this morning. This brings the "H.K." rate down to 1/6, which is as low as it has ever been in the history of the Colony.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1935.  
The question of the more adequate advertising of Hongkong as a tourist or travellers' resort, which has periodically arisen in recent times, is taken a step further to-day by the suggestion made by a contributor that the time has come for some definite action to be taken in the matter.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The week has opened with an air of steadiness, enquiries continue on a moderately fair scale.

### Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,380  
Canton Ins. \$205  
Union Ins. \$440  
Docks \$22  
Docks \$21.90  
Providents \$4.05  
Hotels \$5.85  
Lands \$33.74  
Reunited \$4.40  
Tramways \$17.74  
Tinnyall & Co. \$23.34  
China Lights (Old) \$7.05  
Electricity \$55  
Sandakan Lights \$11 1/4  
Telephones (Old) \$24.74  
Telephones (New) \$9.30  
Cements \$17.90  
Ropes \$0.10  
Duty Farms (Old) \$22 1/4  
Duty Farms (New) \$21 1/4  
Watsons \$9.20  
Entertainments \$8 1/2  
Constructions (Old) \$1 1/4

Sellers  
China Underwriters \$1 1/4  
Providents \$4.80  
Hotels \$5.95  
Electricity \$56  
Telephones (Old) \$25  
Cements \$18.05  
Ropes \$0.14  
Watsons \$9.60

Sales  
H.K. Bank \$1,400  
Wharves \$102  
Docks \$22  
Providents \$4.00/65  
Hotels \$5.90/65  
Tramways \$17.74  
China Lights (Old) \$7.70  
China Lights (New) \$4.70  
Electricity \$54.80/55.4  
Telephones (Old) \$25  
Cements \$17.95/18  
Ropes \$0.14  
Watsons \$9.40

Manila Gold Shares  
Atoks 31  
Antamok 31  
Baguio Old 4  
Balang Buhay 015  
Big Wedge 23  
Coco Grove 10  
Con. Mines 0035  
Demonstration 12  
East Mindanao 11 1/2  
I. X. L. 14  
Ipo Gold 14  
Higon Mining 30  
Mambulo Con. 017  
Masbato Con. 12  
Mind. Motherlode 0094  
Mine Operation 11 1/2  
Paracale 10 1/4  
San Mateo 12  
Surigao Con. 31  
Suyo Con. 18 1/2  
Syndicate Inv. 026  
United Paracale 03 1/2

## French Army Leaders Are Masters Of Their Machines

# MAGINOT LINE COMMANDER SAYS, "LET THE NAZI COME"

By RICHARD CAPELL.  
"Daily Telegraph" Special  
Correspondent

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.—A giant is stirring uneasily, but the War here is still not really awake. He groans in his sleep sometimes, but we can only guess when he will rouse himself.

It is like early morning in some enormous palace, a tyrant's palace. The master of the household is not up, but there is tremendous activity among the innumerable servants.

Privileged onlookers have been allowed to see the preparations for the day's work. They have been welcomed and shown without reserve all kinds of marvelous, dreadful marvels, now in readiness for the entertainment of the risen giant. Never before was there anything of the sort so elaborately prepared.

It is not on the surface. The eastern frontier of France will, in 1,000 years or so have nothing to show to remind posterity of the year 1939 commensurate with Hadrian's Wall or Offa's dyke.

The Great Wall of China has not been rivalled as a picturesque spectacle by the Maginot Line.

### "ADMIRAL" IN COMMAND Like Subterranean Battleship

The new wonder of the world is indeed characterized by its modest inconspicuousness. Here and there is a mushroom—so called—of concrete and steel, but here is hardly anything else to catch the eye of the casual passer-by. If one can possibly imagine a casual passer-by in these parts.

But, underground, French ingenuity has elaborated a new world, something between the London tube system and a battleship. "Subterranean battleship." The phrase is inevitable to describe the forts of the Maginot Line. It has been heard often in recent weeks, and still it was news to me, when, enjoying the hospitality of the commandant of one of these forts, to find he was the "admiral" of his officers and men.

And, by the way, we no longer say "fort" in this part of the world. The word for the new thing which is a fort indeed, but one which assembles the resources of a half a hundred techniques and sciences is "ouvrage."

Throughout this visit to the new underground world it wanted a persistent effort to realize that one was not on board a battle cruiser of some strange navy where khaki was the wear.

As much was said to a young gunner in one of the turrets. He answered with a shade of wistfulness: "Yes, but a real ship would sometimes put into port."

### YEARS OF SERVICE Masters Of Their Machine

Pride and confidence are the prevailing notes among these men, in their various ways so zealous, such complete masters of their complex machine.

Or, as a Berkshire soldier put it, "Socks on the jaw are quicker mended than the socks on my feet—It mother's not about."

So if you want to delight some soldier in France, send him socks. They can be any colour, or all the colours of the rainbow together, because they do not show.

### They Like Colour

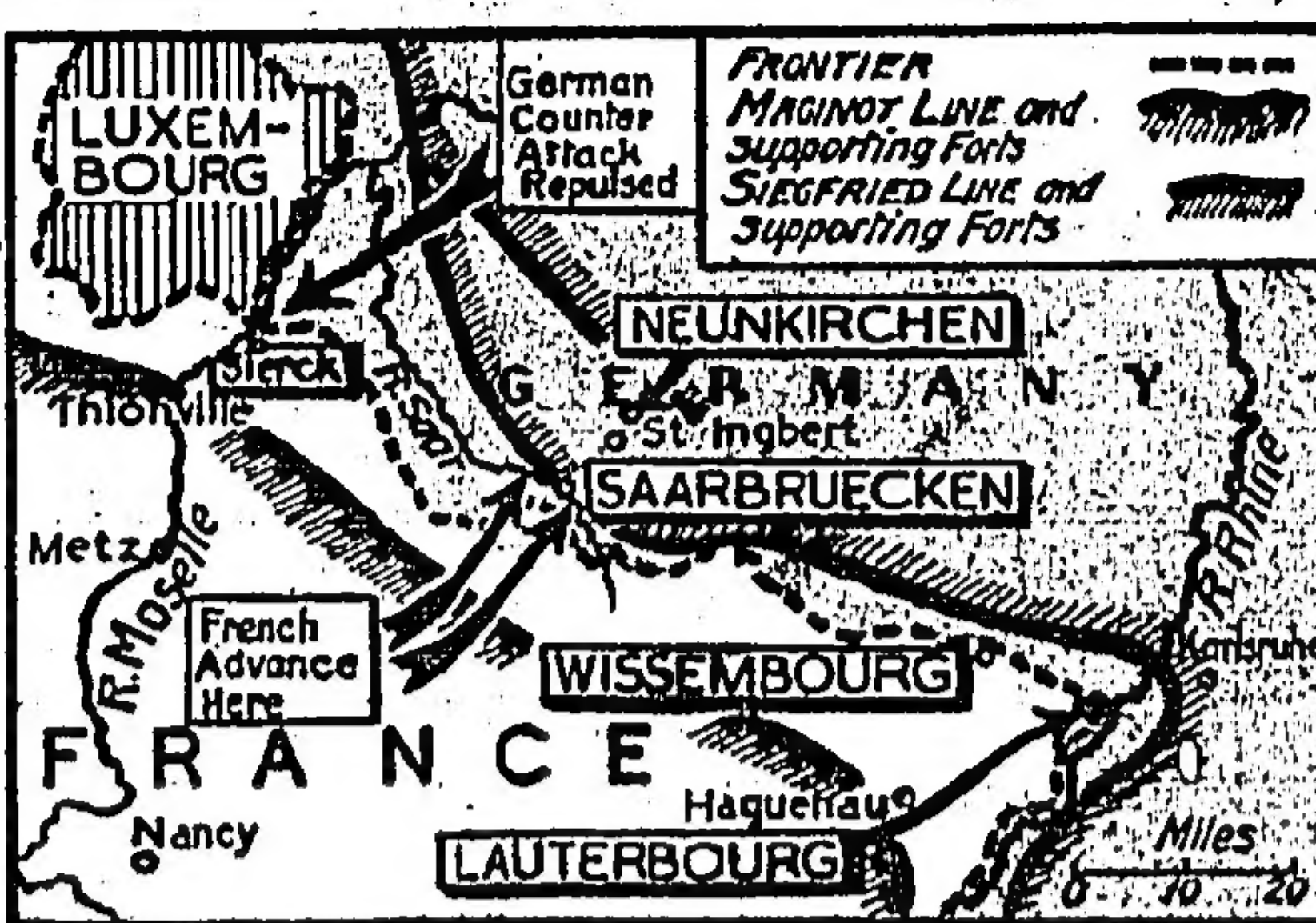
Pullover can be coloured, too, said Captain Phillips. The battle dress conceals them and a man likes to have a touch of heartening colour like red or green to relieve the monotony of khaki. Dark shades are preferable to light.

The Captain who has organized the depot down to half-minutes and hampers, gave me another tip about socks.

If you will stitch each pair together when you have finished them, he can abolish the "joining up" room, where three voluntary workers sit all day tacking pairs together.

Between 400 and 500 parcels a day come from every part of the country to the depot which is responsible for all comforts for the B.E.F. in France. Considerably more than half come from people with very small incomes, and some have been received from old-age pensioners and unemployed.

A soldier who lost a leg in 1917 and has only his disability pension



But it would not be fair to them—it would misrepresent the strange life they lead a hundred feet below ground—to leave unmentioned the trace of wistfulness. The outside world ought to be reminded of the sacrifice and strain which this life represents.

Many of these guardians of the fort and its secrets have spent years in its labyrinths. These labyrinths abound in comforts such as shower baths, lifts and tramways, and still the mere visitor has to confess to a feeling of relief when he is once again able to breathe the upper air.

Above ground there is a world to all appearance placid. On most days the sound of a shell is a rarity. Cows are grazing between the belts of wire. We come across a young gunner who has in a leisure hour snared a hare.

A very few miles away there is a ridge, and you are told that the Germans are there.

"Let them come," says the commandant. The whole garrison longs for them to come. The garrison is on tiptoe. It is magnificently confident in itself and its marvellous machine. It knows itself invulnerable.

### POSTAL DELAYS

#### General And Men Talk It Over

I had the fortune to witness a surprise visit from no less an eminence than the Army Commander to a pioneer battalion working in a forest near the frontier.

The daily shave is not in the French Army the almost religious obligation that it is with us, and the men as they came scrambling out of the underground might have been taken for beings of a different species from the wonderful General, so refined and pale of face and so gloriously decorated.

But in a moment his relationship with these muddy workmen was established. It was almost fatherly. They crowded round him, and after but a moment's shyness there were plenty who did not wait to be spoken to before they chipped in. Things were not too hot for them all agreed, but everything was perfect. "There was, for instance, the great question of delays in the Army postal service. The General questioned them closely. He wanted to know exactly how long it had taken for letters to reach them from home."

## SOLDIERS STILL SEEK SOCKS, SO SUSIE—

By LOUISE MORGAN

YOU would never guess what is the most popular gift at the Front. And so I will tell you. It's socks!

I learned this, and the reason why, from Captain R. W. Phillips, officer in command of the Army Comforts Depot, St. Mary's Butte, Reading.

"Soldiers' socks wear out so fast," he said, "and soldiers, unlike sailors, are not experts at darning."

Or, as a Berkshire soldier put it, "Socks on the jaw are quicker mended than the socks on my feet—It mother's not about."

So if you want to delight some soldier in France, send him socks. They can be any colour, or all the colours of the rainbow together, because they do not show.

Pullover can be coloured, too, said Captain Phillips. The battle dress conceals them and a man likes to have a touch of heartening colour like red or green to relieve the monotony of khaki. Dark shades are preferable to light.

The Captain who has organized the depot down to half-minutes and hampers, gave me another tip about socks.

If you will stitch each pair together when you have finished them, he can abolish the "joining up" room, where three voluntary workers sit all day tacking pairs together.

Between 400 and 500 parcels a day come from every part of the country to the depot which is responsible for all comforts for the B.E.F. in France. Considerably more than half come from people with very small incomes, and some have been received from old-age pensioners and unemployed.

A soldier who lost a leg in 1917 and has only his disability pension

One man's complaint was that his people had not written to him for 10 days. The General did not rub it in too hard that this might not be the fault of the Post Office.

I do not know what exactly is the power of an Army commander over the working of the postal service in the field; but when they went back into the woods the pioneers knew that a great man from on high had heard their grievances kindly and that he would assuredly do anything within to straighten things out.

Later, at the battalion commander's headquarters somewhere in Germany, the Officer Commanding explained to us, by the dim light of a candle and with a map of his sector chalked on a blackboard, the course of operations.

We were received by the General commanding the army occupying this area of the front. He spoke in moving terms of the tenacity of the French villagers who had been compelled to leave their homes near the front.

We had seen for ourselves the evacuated villages which were not very far from the front and only a few miles behind the point from which the French long-range artillery pounds the Siegfried Line.

"These people," said the General, "left at a few hours' notice their homes in the operation zone, carrying with them only a small valise containing their family documents and

leaving behind them their belongings, the fruit of the work of a lifetime. "They did so without complaint, and all they said was: 'This time we must see the matter through. We are sick and tired of repeated invasions and we do not care about anything else than to see the final victory.'"

Unqualified Fortifications  
"This is the indomitable spirit of the French frontier peasantry," concluded the General. His words ring true.

Later I was privileged to visit one of the most important works of the main French defences—the Maginot Line.

"On ne passe pas" is the motto of the troops there. No one who has seen the Line—and they are few in number—can doubt for a moment its imprugnability. No fortifications conceived can equal it.

It is a long way from the actual front, far too distant to receive a shell from the longest range German artillery. This, no doubt, explains why life in the French village in its vicinity goes on as usual.

The officer commanding the work I visited, accurately described it as a battleship that does not roll even in the heaviest of seas.

Succession Of "Battleships"  
It is, in fact, a long succession of battleships, as though miles and miles of capital ships as powerful as H.M.S. Hood had been placed in file. The only difference is that the Maginot Line is fixed instead of being mobile.

The cross fires of its turrets cover an area of ground which makes it impossible for an enemy to approach it. One of its leading officers remarked, "The Germans will break their teeth on the Maginot Line if ever they get near it."

The doorkeeper of one of the principal works of the Line has played in the French Army Association football team.

The Maginot Line is the last word in perfection. Nothing has been overlooked and the advantage of its defenders over possible attackers is a thousandfold.

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Men off duty would be able to sleep peacefully, despite the thunder of the guns above their heads, through the heaviest of enemy bombardments.

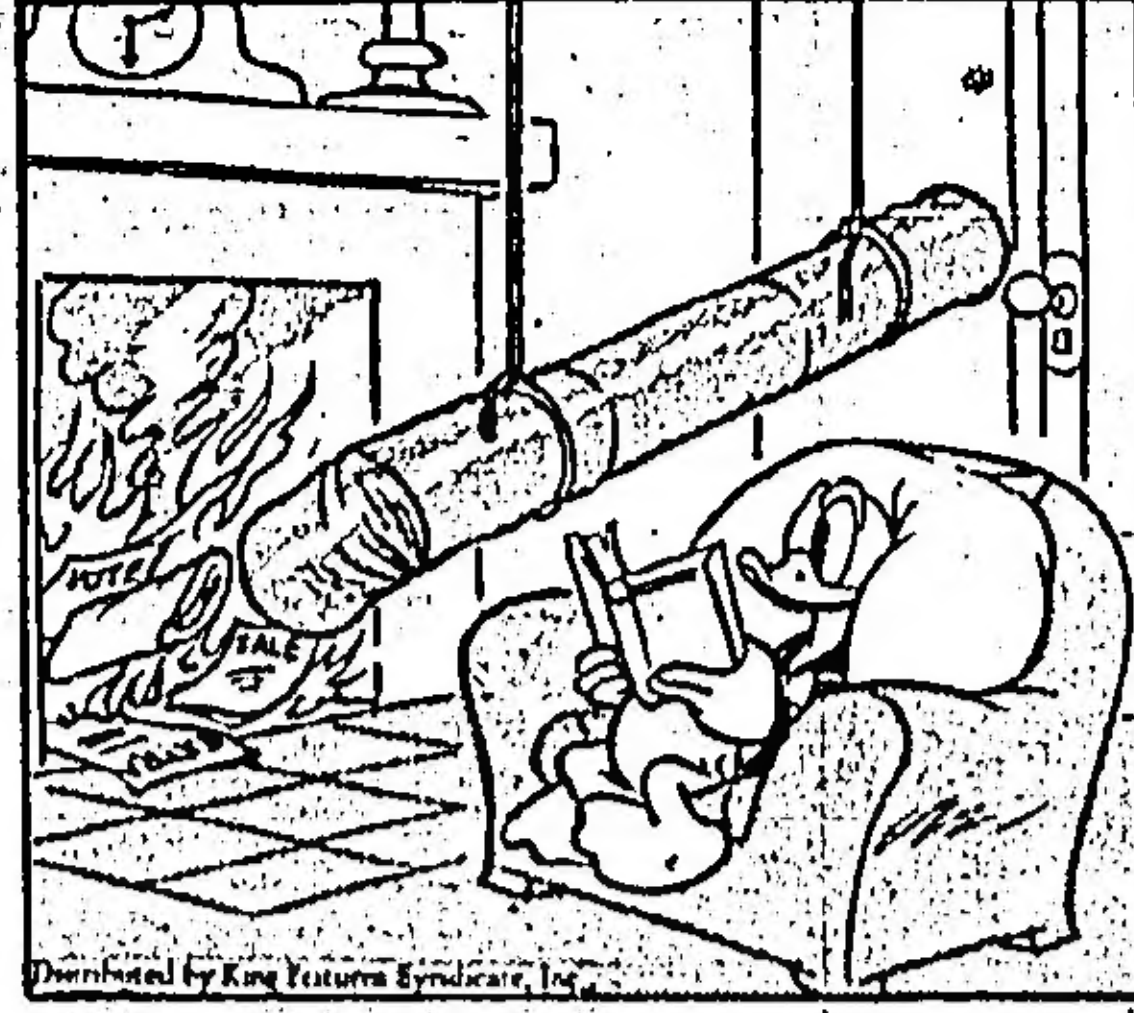
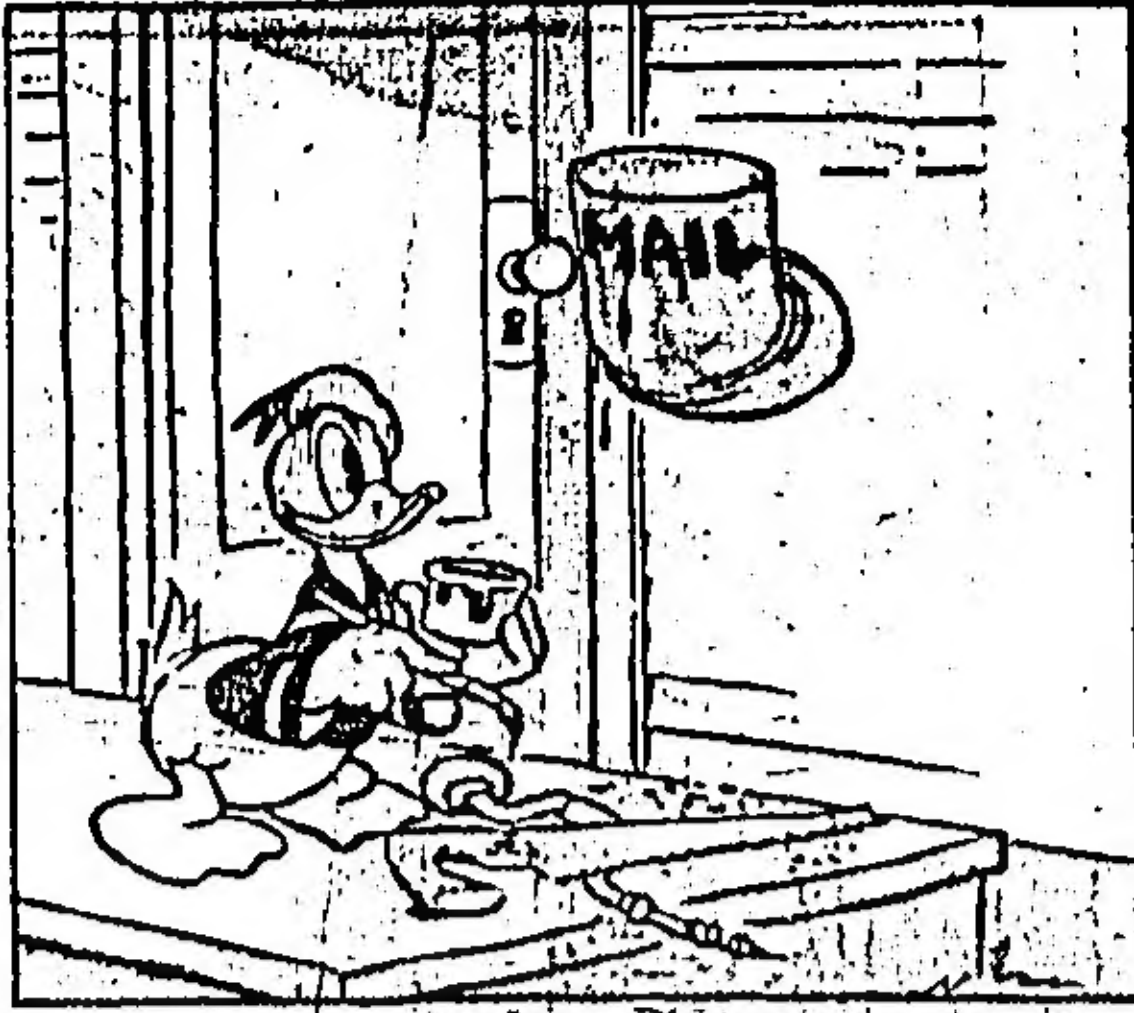
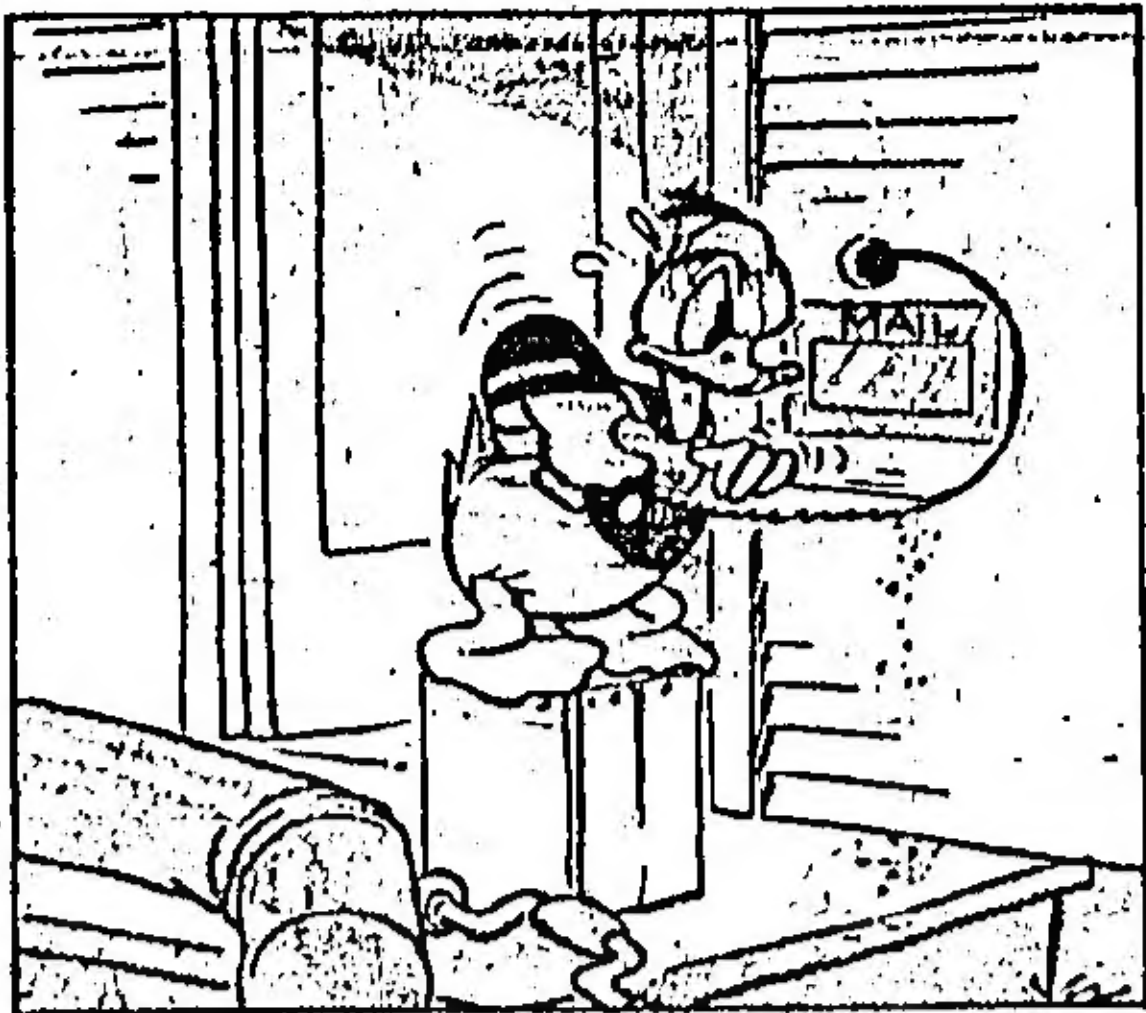
## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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2—Device for taking pictures	2—Writing fluid	3—Kind of fish
3—Kind of fruit	3—Kind of fish	4—From certain fruits
4—Sleeve	4—From certain fruits	5—And it
5—Japanese product	5—And it	6—An asteroid
6—Dressmaker	6—An asteroid	7—Old time
7—Dressmaker	7—Old time	8—Exerts
8—Dressmaker	8—Exerts	9—Ornate
9—Dressmaker	9—Ornate	10—British government
10—Dressmaker	10—British government	11—Bring on self
11—Dressmaker	11—Bring on self	12—Heavy sword
12—Dressmaker	12—Heavy sword	13—How
13—Dressmaker	13—How	14—Having mast
14—Dressmaker	14—Having mast	15—Brazilian coin
15—Dressmaker	15—Brazilian coin	16—Mariner
16—Dressmaker	16—Mariner	17—Aitake
17—Dressmaker	17—Aitake	18—Having mast
18—Dressmaker	18—Having mast	19—Annoy
19—Dressmaker	19—Annoy	20—Prophet
20—Dressmaker	20—Prophet	21—Shot out suddenly
21—Dressmaker	21—Shot out suddenly	22—French coin
22—Dressmaker	22—French coin	23—Oriental ruler
23—Dressmaker	23—Oriental ruler	24—Terror
24—Dressmaker	24—Terror	25—American writer
25—Dressmaker	25—American writer	26—Watermark mark
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Goldin was president of the club. At one time he had ten companies exploiting the famous "sawing through a woman" illusion; a model showing how it is worked is among the secrets in the safe.

### He remembered

He left no will, and letters of administration have been granted to his widow, Mr. Helen Leighton Goldstein, now living in America.

Goldstein was Goldin's real name; he was a Polish-Jew, and he emigrated to America as a youth.

Mr. Goldston said the reason Goldin left a little was that for years he had supported seven people who used to work in his shows.

They had to give up their jobs through illness. One was a woman. Mr. Goldston added: "Goldin had a hard time as a boy, and it made him generous to everybody he employed."

"Every Friday he would come into my room to make out pay envelopes for his seven pensioners." It was his great secret.

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### SOLDATS FRANÇAIS!

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We know that in these front lines you don't want the war any more than we do.

What are you doing? We want nothing from you; neither your land nor your life. And that you know.

You don't want to fire on us and we don't want to fire on you.

Who are the only people who really want this ridiculous war? Who has wantonly decided upon this gigantic slaughter of peoples?

Simply and solely the English. The English once again will fight to the last Frenchman to save their World Power.

## THESE ARE THE SONGS THEY ARE SINGING AT HOME

Novelty dance numbers, which considerably "enlivened" last year's Christmas and New Year festivities, and "swing music," say Hongkong bandleaders, will be the vogue this season.

Of the novelty dance numbers, bandleaders select the Boomp-a-Daisy and that old favourite, the Palala Gide.

Already a popular item in many places, the "Boomp-a-Daisy" has not yet become a "hit" at the cabarets, although the dance was introduced to Hongkong some time ago by Dave Harvey, the popular entertainer at the "Gripps," who is now in Manila.

Cabaret managements, however, have optimistic views that the number will be popularized before the festivities begin.

An old war-time favourite, the Valala, will come into prominence this year, according to a bandleader's predictions. It has already gained popularity in the past few weeks.

The latest song hit of the present war, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," will take its place beside songs of the last war, such as "Tipperary," and "Pack Up Your Troubles."

Many people have already become acquainted with the words of "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," for the verses are "boarded" every time the tune is played at the Hongkong Hotel.

Another very popular tune of the present war which has already been heard in Hongkong on the radio, "Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," is expected to be popularised in Hongkong by the New Year.

Two other tunes now popular in Great Britain, "Run, Rabbit, Run," and "Nasty Uncle Adolf," are expected to become favourites in Hongkong shortly.

Words to the novelty number tune, the Boomp-a-Daisy, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," and Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," are:

### The Boomp-a-Daisy

Clap hands, slap knees and boomp-a-daisy,  
I like a daisy that bends,  
Clap hands, slap knees and boomp-a-daisy,  
What is a boomp between friends?  
Clap hands, now don't be lazy,  
Let's make the party a woe,  
Now then, clap hands, slap knees and boomp-a-daisy,  
Turn to your partner and bow,  
Bow-wow, bow, bow-wow.

## Wife To See All The Documents MALCOLM CAMPBELL DIVORCE CASE PLEA

### Wife To See All The Documents

**SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL'S** petition for divorce from Lady (Dorothy Evelyn) Campbell, on the ground of her alleged adultery with the Hon. Brian Lewis and Mr. Angus Murdoch Keith, was mentioned in the Court of Appeal last month.

Mr. R. F. Levy, K.C., for Lady Campbell, supported an appeal from an order of Mr. Justice Henn Collins, in the Divorce Division, relating to the discovery of documents in the divorce proceedings.

He said that there was a petition by Sir Malcolm and a cross-petition by Lady Campbell. The petitions had been consolidated.

To Sir Malcolm's petition there was an answer by Lady Campbell admitting adultery with one of the two co-respondents named by Sir Malcolm and alleging acts on the part of Sir Malcolm conducing to the adultery.

The answer of Sir Malcolm to his wife's petition was a denial of her allegations. In her answer to Sir Malcolm's petition, said Mr. Levy, Lady Campbell admitted that between 1931 and 1934 she committed adultery with one co-respondent, but she said that Sir Malcolm had consistently neglected her and that he had been in the habit of associating with certain women—in spite of her protests.

### WOMEN NAMED

Lady Campbell named a number of women with whom, she said, Sir Malcolm had associated.

Upon that issue, added Mr. Levy, an order against Sir Malcolm was made for the discovery of documents. In due course Sir Malcolm filed an affidavit of documents, but it contained no reference to any correspondence passing between Sir Malcolm and the women mentioned by Lady Campbell in her answer or of his association with them.

Lady Campbell, however, was in possession of a number of letters and other documents which had been written by the women mentioned to Sir Malcolm or by him to them, and other documents such as invoices or receipts for jewellery which would appear to have been presents for some of the women.

### WOMAN'S OPERATION

Accordingly Lady Campbell took out a summons for an affidavit of specific documents. This came before a Registrar, who made an order on it that certain classes of documents should be disclosed.

These included correspondence between Sir Malcolm and Hilda Rogers and her medical adviser, and cheques etc., relating to a surgical operation undergone by Hilda Rogers in August 1937.

Hilda Rogers, Mr. Levy said, was one of the women referred to in the particulars of conduct imputing to Sir Malcolm. He made an order on the Registrar's order to Mr. Justice Henn Collins, who allowed the order to stand so far as it related to the documents which were in Lady Campbell's possession, but not in regard to other similar documents.

Mr. Levy submitted that Lady Campbell was entitled to have all the documents disclosed.

Giving judgment allowing the appeal, the Master of the Rolls said that the existence of the documents alleged by Lady Campbell was a relevant matter and he could see no ground for limiting the order in the way the judge limited it.

The appeal would be allowed and the order of the Registrar restored. Lords Justices Scott and MacKinnon concurred.

### Blaming The Enemy

A German broadcast was blamed at Weymouth, when a summons against Frank Ernest Charles Roe, landlord of the Cutter Hotel, for supplying liquor after hours, was dismissed.

Policemen who were listening outside the hotel said they heard a voice say: "Come on, let's have one for the road."

For the defence it was stated that liquor was served to residents—two civilians, a flight-lieutenant, and four non-commissioned officers.

Captain F. D. Roe, the landlord's father, said the words heard by the police came in a German broadcast in English from Zeesen.

## Germany Ripe For Revolt, Says Strasser

Paris. "Germany is ready for an anti-Hitler revolution," declared Dr. Otto Strasser (who has been called "Hitler's worst enemy") in a "Paris-Sol" interview.

Dr. Strasser, who is now in Paris, disclosed that he was given four hours to leave Switzerland after the Munich bomb explosion because the Nazis were demanding his extradition.

His opinion is that the bomb attempt "could only have been caused by Gestapo provocation."

"I can give you one tasty detail," he continued. "The beerhouse where the explosion took place had been insured with a Swiss company four weeks previously."

"Rising In Spring"  
"I have continuous contact not only with members of my organisation but also with numerous militarists and party members."

"I can tell you that Germany is ready for an anti-Hitler revolution. But you know that Germans do not know how to act without receiving a formal order."

"First of all three conditions must be realised:  
"The Germans who still believe in Hitler should really feel the horrors of war."  
"The Reich must suffer its first military check; and  
"Revolutions must become more biting."

"I consider that by the spring of 1940 these three conditions will be fulfilled."  
[Dr. Strasser is the leader of the anti-Nazi "Black Front" organisation and has waged a bitter war abroad against Hitler since his brother, Dr. George Strasser, was killed by the Nazis in Berlin some years ago.]

[The brothers were at one time Hitler's most trusted friends.]—Reuter.

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### Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line

Mother dear I'm writing you from Somewhere in France,  
Hoping this finds you well,  
Sergeant says I'm doing fine.  
"A soldier and a half!"  
Here's a song that we'll all sing,  
I'll make you laugh.

Chorus:  
We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
Have you any dirty washing mother dear?

We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
Get the washing done in here.  
Whether the weather may be wet or fine,  
We'll just rub along without a care.

We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
If the Siegfried Line's still there.

Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye

Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye,  
Cherish here I go on my way.  
Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye,  
With a cheer, not a tear, make it gay.

Give me a smile I can keep all the while,  
In my heart while I'm away,  
Till we meet once again you and I,  
Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye.

## Boon of War: Fewer Saxophones

Men who make saxophones are busy on work of national importance, which is not making saxophones.

In Basson and Company's factory, just off Marble Arch, 30 craftsmen are working on an order for 5,000 trumpets and bugles for the three services, and on another for 21 complete military band outfits for the Australian Defence Force.

### A Useful Job

The cutting out, the shaping, the metal-spinning and the bending, which turn sheets of rough brass and copper into the instruments which shine on the parade ground is to be seen.

Working at his lathe, Arthur Ballie, who has spent all his life at the craft, told something of the uses of metal-spinning.

"Spinning's a useful job," he said, "as, with a few deft touches, he spun the brass binding on to the bell-mouth of a trumpet."

It's not all for trumpets and such-like. The metal-spinners also make valves, valves, valves and hunting horns.

## Nation Cannot Afford "Little Barbarians"

"The nation cannot afford to let education policy...  
At Alderbury, Suffolk, the Mayor has turned his parlour into a voluntary school until said children have been made at the local school."  
Earl De La Warr, President of the Board of Education, said:  
He was addressing a teachers' meeting at Tuddington, Gloucestershire.  
"About 750,000 children had been evacuated," A similar number, left behind were receiving no schooling."  
Earl De La Warr hoped to make an early statement on the Government's

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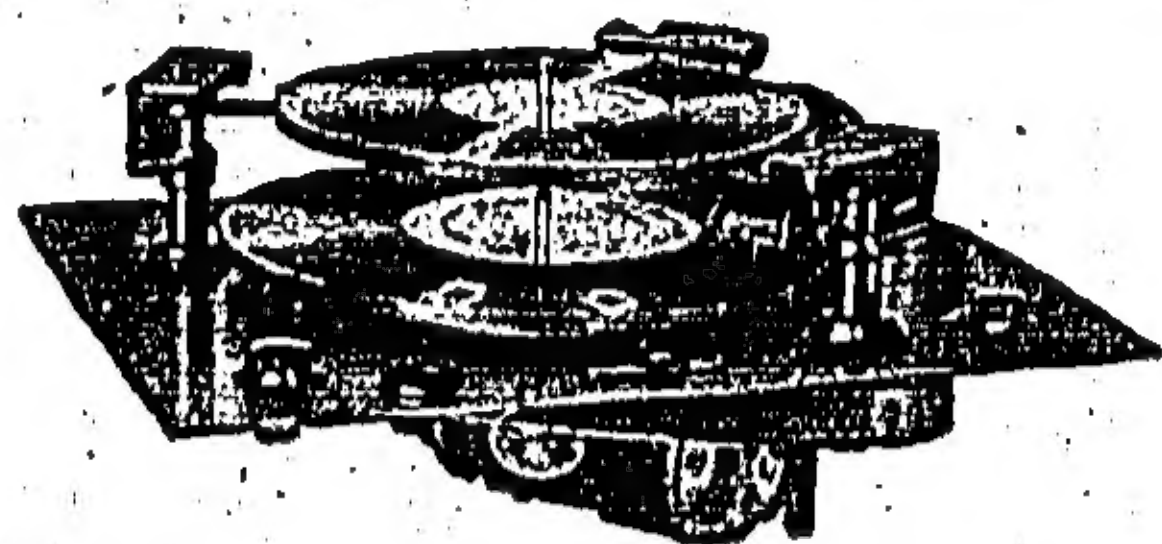
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#### War Spending

J. M. Keynes, the English economist, has been putting up a proposition for paying for the war which, at first sight, looks like a conjuror's device for enabling everyone to hand over money to the State and yet have it safely in the banks for future use.

The position broadly is this: when a country is at war a great part of its effort goes into fighting and making war goods, and therefore less effort is available for producing ordinary consumption goods—the nation's consumption must be reduced. The reduction may be effected by taking away some of its earnings by taxation, so that it must spend less; or by raising prices, so that it does not get so much for its money. Both methods if pressed far have their drawbacks.

So Mr. Keynes suggests a third method which would counteract the tendency for prices to rise, and would yet leave the worker with some part at least of his surplus earnings credited to him for future use. Employers would deduct a certain percentage of wages and incomes from all payments due to employees and hand it over to the State. The Treasury would then deal with the accounts. Those who were liable for income tax would have the amount withdrawn from their credit, and the balance would be credited to them at 2½ per cent, to be repayable after the war.

The plan reveals itself as one for compulsory lending to the State. But there is much to be said for the method by which the loan would be raised. Whether people like it or not, thrift must be practised during the war, and here is a way of simplifying it and using it for the benefit of the State. It has the advantage of preventing over-consumption at a time when there will be little or no unemployment, and reserving consuming power for a time when it will be most needed—after the war, when there will be danger of severe unemployment. This is not to say that the danger of these savings being hit by post-war inflation can be ruled out. But if a simple means can be found for directing a nation's war spending on sound lines, that is just what is wanted in Britain to-day.



AGITATED ADOLF'S WINTER PRODUCTION

The Scene Shifters: "For Gott's sake, boss, make up your mind. Which scene do we start with?"

## WHY HITLER HESITATES

by Francis Williams

NO real ray of light yet penetrates the fog of this strange new war.

The war strategy of the Allies is, it is true, clear enough, and on the whole thoroughly commendable. It has from the beginning been directed to avoiding large wastage of life in attacks against strongly fortified positions. It is the strategy of siege warfare, not of an attempt at a knock-out blow—whether by land or air.

It is the German reaction which provides the mystery of the war. Here are threats piled upon threats, but so far hardly any action at all. Instead of the blitzkrieg expected, there is confusion and inactivity. In place of waves of attacking planes which each one of us anticipated, there is a spray of propaganda which dashes itself to nothingness against the rock of fact.

Why is this? What is happening inside Germany to explain this failure of German arms, even to attempt any decisive action?

There seem to me to be four possible explanations. Here they are:

(1) German inactivity may be a quite deliberate and considered policy of political war.

As I pointed out in one of my previous weekly articles, military and political weapons are, for Herr Hitler, interchangeable—he employs whichever seems most likely to achieve his purpose.

And it is possible that he still considers that if Germany takes no decisive action, and particularly no decisive action against civilian populations, Britain and France will get tired of making a war.

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GLASGOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Civil Defence organisations formed the subject of a speech here by the man responsible for them—Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security.

What is called a lull may be the lull before the storm, he said, and a wise man sees that his home is in order before the storm breaks over it. Civil defence organisations, were by no means excessive, considering the tasks they may have to meet when an attack from the air comes. He was more concerned with whether or not they were sufficient.

By the end of this month, 2,000,000 steel shelters will have been provided, affording protection to over 11,000,000 people in the most vulnerable areas.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Labour Party and Trade Union General Council of Finland have invited the British Labour Movement to send a representative to Finland to study the situation there.

which has no battles and will, in the end, allow it to die of its own inertia, leaving Germany still in possession of Czechoslovakia and her part of Poland.

Hitler may have studied the history of Sanctions against Italy and remember that after a period of not very whole-hearted action, there came a time when Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced that Sanctions had become mid-summer madness. They were ended and Italy remained with her Abyssinia prize.

He may think—wrongly, I consider—that if he bides his time and does nothing very much, history will repeat itself—and that Mr. Chamberlain will make another speech and that another act of aggression will have been allowed to succeed.

(2) The absence of a German attack may be due to inability to attack effectively against strong defences.

The Air Force which has hung as a threat over Europe for so many years, may have been largely bluff and may not, in fact, be competent to undertake engagements which will involve it in a clash with first-rate opponents.

And the Army may be insufficiently equipped, have too small a proportion of fully trained men, and be unable to rely upon efficient enough transport system to make it possible for it to risk any large engagement.

(3) There may be dissensions so acute within Germany that the regime dare not risk a major war operation.

It may not dare risk it for fear

that it shall provide the cover for a major internal revolt—either within the Nazi Party itself or on the initiative of a monarchist-Army group, or possibly—although at the present stage this seems not very probable—within the mass of bewildered ordinary people.

(4) Indecision may be due to a breakdown on the part of Hitler himself.

The feeling that he is being thwarted by Britain and France may, for the time being, have upset the balance of a mind never very stable.

Opposition to his will has always driven Hitler into a frenzy. If to this is added the effect of the Munich bomb plot, it may be that the Fuehrer is in no condition to come to any decisions himself and that none of his entourage has the courage to make decisions for him other than the makeshift decision to fill in the gap with loud threats.

Which of these possible explanations of German inactivity is the most likely to be correct? It is very difficult to say.

There is some evidence to support each of them.

In support of the first is the fact that the one constant theme of German radio propaganda in English has been—apart from dislike for Mr. Churchill—that this is an absurd war. Again and again comes the attempt to persuade the people of Britain that none of their real interests is affected, and that it would be better for everybody if

the war were called off without further ado. There is other evidence of the same kind.

Yet such an explanation does not square either with the bursts of hate propaganda, or with what seems at one time to have been very near to a decision to attack Holland.

In favour of the second explanation is the definite failure of the German air attacks on Scotland, the very high percentage of casualties and the accumulating evidence that the German Fighters are inferior to both the British and French.

Yet it is difficult to believe that the leaders of a great military machine like the German would admit inferiority simply on such evidence and without the test of a really large scale action.

As to the dissension within Germany, there was evidence of that before the Munich bomb showed the pitch to which hatred of Hitler has risen among some, at any rate, of those near to him.

And finally we have plenty of evidence over a long period of the unstable nature of the German Leader—of the passions into which opposition to his will throws him and of how queerly balanced in him are periods of indecision and of sudden political flair and decision.

Reports of a contemplated attack, first in this direction and then in that, the mixture of conciliation and hate in propaganda all suggest that he is in one of these moods of indecision now.

If so we must not expect that indecision to last indefinitely. Nor, if we are wise, will we underestimate the power and energy of Herr Hitler when he does make up his mind.

Here then are four possible explanations of the mystery of Germany's inactivity. My own feeling is that it is something of all four which holds Germany back.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



The wife's beginning to wonder why I've stopped biting my nails!

Hitler, I think, has not yet quite made up his mind that the era of victories without war is over; he has been shaken in his hopes of a lightning war by his generals' reports on the comparative strength of the German forces and still more shaken by the knowledge of plots against him. In consequence he is at the moment in a mood of hysteria which makes decision impossible.

No doubt that mood will pass. But while it lasts we gain. Every day increases our output of arms, every day improves further our already strong Air Force.

And within Germany indecision at the top must be having a crushing effect upon the morale of the mass.

We must not fall into the danger of over-confidence, nor delude ourselves that Nazism will be defeated without a struggle. My own feeling is that at any rate, our steady days democracy has shown a steadiness both of strategy and purpose that Hitlerism has been unable to achieve.



## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Mr. Hore-Belisha's Resignation

### DISQUIET NOT YET ALLAYED

London, Jan. 8. The fact of Mr. Hore-Belisha making the Duke of Windsor a major-general, causing embarrassment to the Army Staff in France is one of numerous wholly unconfirmed reasons cited this morning for the disagreement between the Minister for War and high army officers, which political circles believed doctored the "Belisha Bombshell".

Dams Rumour had a week-end field day, and purported explanations—all entirely unsubstantiated—were as varied as they were numerous.

Political dope revolved around a quarrel between Mr. Hore-Belisha and army generals, but opinions regarding the form of the disagreement varied.

Probably the most restrained version stated that the generals were opposed to Mr. Hore-Belisha's policy of army organisation in France, but one Sunday morning paper went so far as to accuse the generals of seeking to establish "something like a military dictatorship," while the *Daily Mail* this morning hints that Mr. Chamberlain is considering the establishment of a Ministry of Defence under Mr. Churchill, with which it is considered Mr. Hore-Belisha is incompatible.

There is increasing uneasiness as to the after effects of the crisis. The Press Association voicing concern as to whether "Tommy Atkins" faith may not be shaken, at the same time pointing out that the event is open to an explanation, which so far is not forthcoming. They say that a secret session is hardly calculated to allay public disquiet, besides providing excellent material for the German propagandists.—*United Press.*

#### Reforms Will Stay

London, Jan. 8. Mr. Hore-Belisha today made farewell to his staff at the War Office.

A Parliamentary correspondent learns that there is no question at present of an earlier recall of Parliament to discuss the resignation.

Some concern has been expressed by Labour leaders lest the resignation lead to abandonment of some of the reforms introduced during Mr. Hore-Belisha's tenure of office, but it is pointed out that these decisions were taken by Government as a whole and not by individual Ministers. Consequently no major changes are to be expected.—*Reuter.*

#### An Early Riser

London, Jan. 8. Sir Andrew Duncan, new President of the Board of Trade, is living up to his reputation for beginning the day's work early. He arrived at the Board of Trade before 10 a.m. and began the task of taking over the duties of his predecessor.

Sir John Reith, newly appointed Minister of Information, also arrived at the Ministry before 10 a.m. to take up his new duties.—*Reuter.*

## New Exchange Rates Set By Bank

### Narrowing Buying & Selling Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Taking advantage of the new tighter exchange regulations which became effective today, the Bank of England narrowed the spread between buying and selling rates for dollars to one cent instead of two cents.

The Bank similarly adjusted its rates for French francs.

Except for Stockholm and Oslo, where rates remain unchanged, the Bank raised sterling against other official currencies, simultaneously narrowing the spread.

#### Result Of Pressure

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Today's alterations in the Bank of England's official exchange rates are viewed by banking circles as the probable result of pressure by commercial institutions who have believed for some time that the spread between the buying and selling rates are unjustifiably large.

Authoritative quarters stress that the decision will reduce the spread and is in no way connected with today's new regulations regarding the transfer of sterling from resident to non-resident accounts.

The new rates merely represent the return of greater normalcy in quotation such as prevailed prior to the suppression of the free market by official quotations.

CANBERRA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, stated today that the Government immediately is considering the question of diplomatic representation in Tokyo.

# ENTIRE RUSSIAN DIVISION SMASHED BY THE FINNS

## No Threat To Boulder Dam

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—The War and Navy Departments and the Federal Bureau of Investigation deny knowledge of foreign reports of a plot against the Boulder Dam. It is stated the rumours were probably due to the special precautions taken during the past month to guard the Dam.

The Commissioner of Reclamation, Mr. John C. Page, said he had not heard of any plot. The rumours were probably precipitated by the precautions taken by the authorities.

#### Press On War Events

## General Staff Of Economics Is Demanded

### Mr. Hore-Belisha's Resignation

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha and the economic war are the two chief topics in today's British Press.

The "Manchester Guardian" asks Mr. Chamberlain to lighten our darkness in connection with Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

The "Daily Herald" says that if the resignation is purely for personal reasons, the Prime Minister will have to satisfy the nation that they could not have been composed in some other way.

On the other hand, the "Times" takes a different view. There has not been one word of criticism by the Army of Mr. Hore-Belisha's explanation. It says that a more natural explanation is that a series of minor differences not concerned with the war gradually brought the Prime Minister to a point where, he felt that a change would make smoother work in the department and in the Cabinet.

#### Complacent Conduct

Both the "Manchester Guardian" and the "News Chronicle" are concerned over the too complacent conduct of the economic war. In Germany this question naturally received most careful attention. In our quarters in Britain, amusement and satisfaction have been aroused at the state to which Germans are reduced.

An eminent authority, however, suggests that the Germans are actually consuming less than they are producing.

#### Revolutionary Changes Needed

The ruler of Germany is the master of vast resources. All the energies of his nation have been bent to one task—that of creating military strength. The youth of Germany has been trained since the days of Sparta. Many in Britain do not realise that if we are to defeat Hitler we must be prepared for revolutionary changes and larger sacrifices, says the "Manchester Guardian".

The "News Chronicle" discusses the little attention paid by responsible Ministers to the question of conserving and using our resources.

Field Marshal Goering, the new German economic dictator, is now equipped with an economic general staff. Britain needs more readiness for trying out innovations and readiness for change and sacrifice.

The journal would like to see an economic general staff for Britain.

## Ship's Fight With U-Boat

### Successfully Evades Two Torpedoes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Royal Mail liner, Highland Patriot, 14,000 tons, has arrived here safely after a running fight with a U-boat.

The ship was attacked by the submarine which fired two torpedoes. Both missed.

The ship's guns were promptly manned, and the gunners continued firing when conditions permitted for some two hours.

## 40,000 Repatriated Nazis Return

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official agency announces that 40,000 repatriated Germans from the former Eastern Poland have arrived at Lodz, where they are accommodated in camps.

The first contingent of Germans from the former North and Central Poland, many of whom made the journey in horse-drawn vehicles, have also arrived at Lodz.

# Defenders' Greatest Victory of the War: Much Material Taken

Helsinki, January 9.

The Finns have announced that their army has smashed the entire Russian Forty-Fourth Division, between fifteen and eighteen thousand men, near Soumussalmi.

The communiqué states that among the material captured were 1,170 horses, 47 field kitchens, 378 automobiles and ten armoured cars.

A special communiqué characterises the victory as the biggest since the Russo-Finn war began.

Over a thousand Russians were captured, in addition to 43 tanks, many guns and a vast amount of other booty.—*United Press.*

#### Finnish Advances

Helsinki, Jan. 8. The Finnish troops continue to advance on the Salla front. Preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment, the Finns re-occupied their positions, inflicting heavy losses on the Soviet troops.

The Russians are digging themselves in and are finding the cold so intense that many soldiers became unconscious.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

#### Red Communiqué

Moscow, Jan. 8. A Red Army communiqué states that scouting activities were continued in the Ukhita and Reporia regions, while patrols ousted a Finnish detachment in the Petrozavodsk region.

Artillery fire and scouting activities were reported from the Karelian Isthmus.

Owing to unfavourable weather there was no aviation activity.—*United Press.*

#### Intense Cold Spell

Karelian Isthmus, Jan. 8. Intense frost which congealed low particles almost like snow, was the ally of the Finns in their defence against the Russians on Sunday.

It was too cold for any major activity except artillery fire, which at times burst heavily on the Isthmus, for most of the Russian fingers were too numb to squeeze their rifles in view of the temperature dropping as low as 43 under zero. It is possible that it was colder elsewhere.—*United Press.*

#### Pushing Home Advantage

Rovaniemi, Jan. 8. The 300 Russians who in last night's communiqué were announced as killed were in the first major encounter in 14 days on the Salla sector—the encounter in which the Finns are pushing their advance in an effort to smash the remnant of the Russian forces between the two jaws of a nutcracker movement south of Salla.

The fighting has now reached the actual border in the Soumussalmi sector at Raate. The town of Raate is two kilometres from the frontier on the road from Soumussalmi to the border. Lakke Raate, in the same neighbourhood, is dissected by the frontier.

The ski detachment killed at Salla apparently belonged to the forces which the Russians equipped in an effort to emulate the Finnish penetration tactics. As a rule these isolated detachments are much larger than Finnish patrols. They may comprise any number up to 1,000.

The use of skis by the Russians is reported on several fronts recently, but the Finns claim that hardly one Russian knows how to ski. It is claimed that they found skis with Russian felt boots nailed on them.

When the Russians are forced to flee they leave the skis and boots behind.

The fact is that an ordinary Russian soldier's boots are unfit for skis whether they are made of felt, as in most cases, or leather, whereas the Finnish soldier's boots have turned up tops to fit into the bindings of the skis and are easily removed.

On Klanta Lake the Finns found among captured war materials small trucks loaded with skis—Finnish skis taken from evacuated Finnish towns and apparently intended for use later by Russian forest patrols.—*United Press.*

#### Appeal For Aid

London, Jan. 8. An Empire-wide broadcast appeal for help of every kind for Finland was made last night by Doctor Tancred Borenius, Professor of Illustration of Art at London University, who is himself a Finn.

"Although we have been victorious so far," he said, "it is obvious that the hour of danger is not past."

In referring to the fact that the British Legion had lent a house to serve as the headquarters of the fund, he said the Legion had not been slow in realising that Britain and Finland were fighting for the same ideal. It was on Finland that the brunt of the battle was now falling.

The greatest and most urgent need was medical supplies of all kinds.

#### The Ruthless Bombing of Cities and Villages

and the machine-gunning of civilians wherever Russian aeroplanes sighted them, created casualty lists of appalling length.

Dr. Borenius mentioned that the King and Queen had both sent donations to the fund.—*British Wireless.*

## WESTERN FRONT

## Calm, Except Near Vosges

### French N.C.O. Wins Two Decorations

PARIS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, the calm on the Western Front was almost universal except west of the Vosges, where two Nazi patrols were repulsed after heavy hand-to-hand fighting.

Individual acts of courage receive recognition in the official journal, in which are named 23 awards for gallantry.

One N.C.O. gets both the Military Medal and the Croix-de-Guerre. His unit inflicted heavy losses on a German unit. The N.C.O. then led a counter-attack in which five prisoners were taken.

## Berlin Reports Activity

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency states that there has been more lively artillery fire and reconnaissance activity on both sides on the Western Front.

It adds that enemy artillery bombarded the Perl and Upper Perl regions, and also the wide valley north-east of Ritzingen.

## ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

### FROM PAGE ONE

other nations were building warships rapidly.

"The United States will be a relatively weak naval power unless Congress authorises further construction," he warned.

Admiral Stark supported the 25 per cent. increase in tonnage and a total of 6,000 planes for the naval air arm as authorised by the Vinson Bill.

He said that the Bill would provide 107 new ships, including 30 auxiliary vessels.

The Admiral's testimony followed a brief statement by Secretary for the Navy Mr. Charles Edison asking for enactment of the Bill in view of the grave international situation.

## Eire May Have New Government

DUBLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Dr. Hyde, President of Eire, has nominated six additional members to sit at the Council of State. They mostly belong to the Cosgrave Party.

It is seen in these nominations an indication of closer political co-operation between the Government and the Opposition parties, and some quarters even suggest that it may foreshadow a national government with the object of overcoming the present difficulties.

## TURKISH 'QUAKE' RELIEF GIFT

LAHORE, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A sum of £1,500 has been collected at a public meeting in Lahore for Turkish earthquake victims.

A message of sympathy will be sent from the people of Lahore.

## Dreaming With Eyes Open

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The "North China Daily News" has received from a gentleman in Nanking who styles himself "Retrosession Commissioner of the Reformed Government" an invitation to attend "a reception and ball at the Republic Day Hotel, Hongkong, on the occasion of the formal signing of an agreement between China and Great Britain to cede Hongkong to the former."

The date of the signing of the agreement will, it is said, be announced later.

The invitation states that "the Commissioner trusts that the opportunity of expressing gratification that all foreign Settlements and Concessions which have been encroaching on Chinese sovereignty and soil are now a thing of the past."

## JAPANESE CENSORS

### Tsingtao Telegrams Much Delayed

Shanghai, Jan. 8. Telegrams reporting the burning by Japanese troops of the English Methodist Mission Hospital at Chuchia near Wutung, Shantung, on Christmas Day, have been subjected to considerable delay. It is noted here today. The delay was presumably caused by Japanese censors.

The first message was filed from Tsingtao on January 4 at 6.15 p.m. It took over 48 hours for transmission, only reaching Shanghai after 7 p.m. on January 6.

The second message in which the Japanese authorities are reported to have admitted burning the hospital was equally delayed. It was filed from Tsingtao on January 5 at 6 p.m. and did not get to Shanghai until 2.15 p.m. on January 6.

Normal transmission time from Tsingtao to Shanghai by the Japanese-controlled radio company—the only means of communication—is about three hours. According to the Shanghai office of this Company conditions during the past few days "were normal."—*Reuter.*

The hospital is reported to have been burned by Japanese troops owing to alleged treatment of wounded Chinese guerrillas.

## Natives Tell Of German Brutality

DARES-SALAAM, Dec. 18. TWENTY-TWO natives who have just returned to Port Tanga, Tanganyika, tell a terrible story of Nazi brutality.

They formed the crew of the German coastal tug Klonga, which left Tanga two days before the war. There were two German passengers, one of whom was leader of the Tanganyika Nazi Association.

After five days the Klonga arrived at Kismayu, Italian Somaliland. The natives then informed the authorities that the captain had beaten them with his fists, hammers and spotters.

Thrown Overboard. One man, they said, was locked in a lavatory for seven hours and a mixture of water and chilies was thrown at his face. When released he was nearly dead. At Kismayu the cook was thrown overboard.

The captain excused his actions by saying "There is a war on."

Thereupon the Italians took charge of the natives, refusing a demand that they should be handed back.

Describing the natives' "terrible condition due to ill-treatment" the authorities put them in a ship bound for Tanganyika.

## BERLIN-MOSCOW TRIAL FLIGHT

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The radio here announces that a Soviet passenger plane has left Moscow on the first trial flight in the new Moscow-Moscow service.

It says that a German plane will make the flight on January 12 and that the regular service begins on January 21 via Minsk, Koenigsberg and Danzig.

## BRITISH CONVOY FOR JAPAN

### GOODS TO HOLLAND

Copenhagen. It was confirmed in official British quarters in Copenhagen today that Japan has decided to make use of British convoys in future.

A number of Japanese firms have informed the British Government that they will send Japanese goods destined for Holland under the protection of the British Navy.

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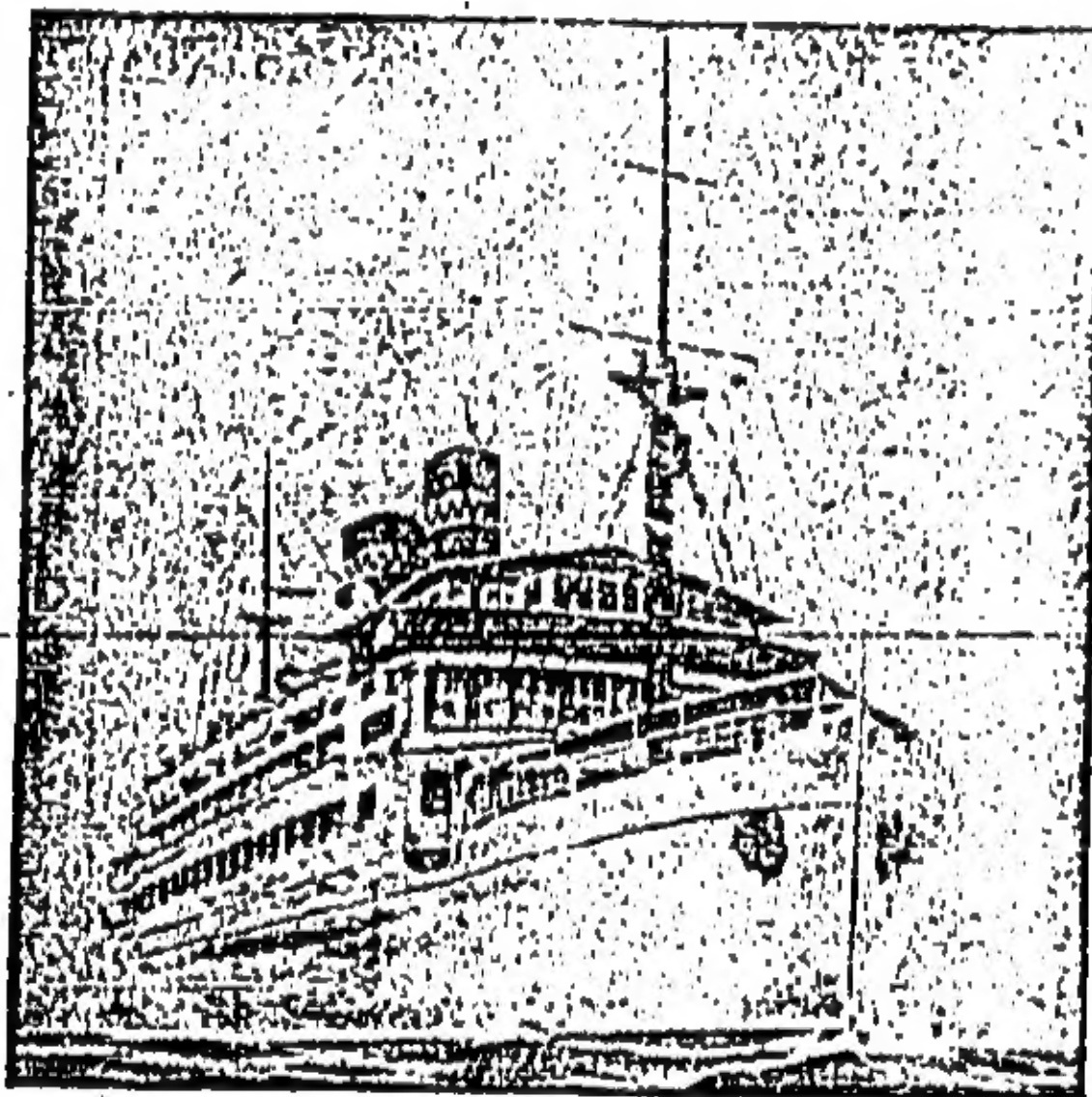
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Twenty-five years ago our mothers smartened up their war-time wardrobes with tailored blouses. We will do the same, but go one better. This page helps you to choose blouses that help the figure.

FOR good all-round economy change, but these are the basic there's nothing to beat a types for you. blouse: easy on the purse to begin with, time-saving to get into, cheap at the laundry. And they stand alone for picking up a tired suit.

But for all that they are not so easy to wear; because they figure in half. If you are tall and that's a good thing, but not light sleeves to make as little many of us have mannequin pump side the average light wrists and flatter large hands; silk-blosses-gives something of jumper rather than tucked-in the effect of a skin on a sausage. waists to give a softer look over If you are thin, "sloppy" is the tummy and hips. Choose plain word that rushes to the mind. darkish colours—never stripes—drawbacks. Learn the principles husky woollens, fancy cloques But there is no need for these in thin materials; not for you wear off by heart, and you will feel as comfortable in a blouse and skirt as you do in your dressing-gown. If you can't and stocky. In addition to buy just the thing you want, a look taller, too. Look out for: few home-alterations are worth while.

There are four types of women who think they were hard done by when measurements were handed out—the tall and well-built (she's a fine figure of a woman), type, the short and plump (a real motherly woman), the tall and bony, and the small and slight.

Look at the drawings on this page and you will know, for should choose darkish colours in skirts cut high) to give you a ever, the kind of blouse you thin fabrics, and a small broken pattern is a good idea.

NO. 3 is the one for you if you were ever called

NO. 1 shows the type "lamp-post" or something similar. You can go all out for tall and generously curved. Pick out these points in every blouse you buy: Narrow V neck-line to slim your throat; plain line to flatten your bust; slight vertical shirring to end at the waist they cut your front; plain, not-too-sleeves fitting tightly at the wrist (wide cuffs make wrists look thinner); sleeves fitted but not too tight; high necklines—Elton collars, turtle-necks, bows and scarves; squared shoulders to "broaden" you up; panels or some interest to accent the bust; a fitted waist to make the top half look bulky in contrast; fabrics with "body" that help to fill you out—jerseys and velvets and woollens.

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NO. 2 picks out the points for the short woman who finds it easy to look like a schoolgirl in a blouse. Narrow V necks or narrow square necks; plain shoulders (exaggerated shoulder width makes you look stockier still); stripes are fine—to give you plain sleeves with, if possible, length in the bodice; but see pointed cuffs to make your arms that some of the stripes go the other way to broaden you too; buttons, embroidery or what look more important; high, but not too severe, necks; some of to disguise your tummy and your throat should show; high give a longer line. You, too, waisted blouses (have your skirts cut high) to give you a ever, the kind of blouse you thin fabrics, and a small broken pattern is a good idea.

1 This is a blouse to shade away the inches both of height and breadth; of soft pearl-white blue chiffon—slit over the bust and with a soft neckline.

2 Simplicity should be your aim. If you are small and plump. A blouse like this flatters you and gives length; of soft crepe patterned in blue, mist and rose.

3 This type of blouse cuts down the height and gives you weight if you are tall and thin; of red and green plaid in thin wool, with a front panel and a silk scarf.

4 To round you out and give you importance. If you're what's usually called a "slip of a thing," choose a blouse like this; of mauve and white striped silk with squared shoulders, a yoke and neat collar.



One of the loveliest of this season's plaids is this huge scarlet-green one used with a green-dyed, moleskin jacket in this dramatic suit.

towel, and button them on with bands under the armpits. Old huckaback towels can be made into guest towels if cut across the middle and then hemstitched and embroidered at one end while the best pieces of old Turkish towels can, when required, be made into bits for young children. They can also be cut up in face squares. Small strips of old towelling make excellent draught protectors; neatly tack these round the windows or doors and you will be free from those icy blasts that sneak in through the cracks during winter.

## Useful Treacle Spreads For Bread

A taste for black treacle can be acquired, and it is worth while to acquire it, for treacle is wholesome and easily digested. It consequently gives heat and energy more quickly.

There are plenty of ways of using it, on porridge and plain suet puddings, in fruit puddings, ginger bread, parkin, and other brown cakes. Treacle tart (so-called) is generally made with golden syrup, but real treacle tart is quite as delicious. Cook the pastry case separately, then fill it with warm treacle and sprinkle the top liberally with raisins or chopped dates.

Treacle moulds a nice novelty that children love. Blend three tablespoonfuls of cornflour with a little out of five gills of milk. Bring the rest of the milk to the boil with five dessertspoonfuls of black treacle, stirring frequently. Pour over the cornflour while still boiling, return the mixture to the pan and simmer for ten minutes, stirring all the time. Pour into a wetted mould and leave in a cool place to set.

Treacle biscuits take hardly any time to make, are economical, nourishing and delicious. Rub two ounces of margarine into half a

BUTTER can be saved by using one of the following "spreads" in its place.

Curd cheese, made by adding a dessert-spoonful of rennet to 1½ pint of milk brought to blood-heat. Leave in a warm place till milk turns. Put in muslin bag, tie up and hang over clean bowl for several hours, squeezing gently now and then. Add a little salt to the curd and form into pat. It should weigh a quarter of a pound. The whey can be used for mixing boiled puddings or pastry.

Chestnut butter made by boiling a pound of chestnuts, rubbing them through a wire sieve and mixing in 2 ozs. of margarine or curd cheese and salt to taste.

Walnut butter, made by mixing ¼ lb. of milked walnuts into a gill of panada (white sauce made with double usual quantities of flour and margarine).

Brazil nuts, almonds and peanuts can be used in the same way.

W. B.

## Uses For Old Towels

TOWELS, like other household goods, do not last for ever. But you need not just cut them up for rags and dusters. There are many uses in the home for old and worn towels.

To repair towels which have begun to wear, darn the worn places with three-ply wool. The wool "fills" with washing and makes a mend which will hardly show and will last for months.

When your tea-towels are wearing thin do not discard them, but select two, place them on top of each other, and machine them together all round and crosswise. In this way you form one thick towel that will last a long time.

Have you an old towel which has become badly worn in the centre? If so, cut out a circle in the middle where it is worn-out and hem the edges all round. You will find this useful if placed over your head next time you shampoo your hair.

With any old bits of towelling—or the good parts of worn ones—you can make practical cushion-covers for your bathroom stool. Pad them with folds of badly worn

## R. A. F. Commissions From Ranks

Conditions which will govern the commissioning of airmen from the ranks during the war were announced recently by the Air Ministry. They will obtain pending the issue of a more comprehensive order.

Apart from selections for permanent commissions, which were made before the war and will be carried into effect as soon as possible, all commissions granted to airmen during the war will be tenable for the duration of hostilities only.

Such commissions will be granted to airmen serving on normal regular engagements, and commissions in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve to airmen serving on other engagements.

After the war consideration will be given to special cases for the granting of permanent commissions.

Further instructions will be issued regarding the eligibility for commissions of pilots and observers enlisted in the ranks of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve.



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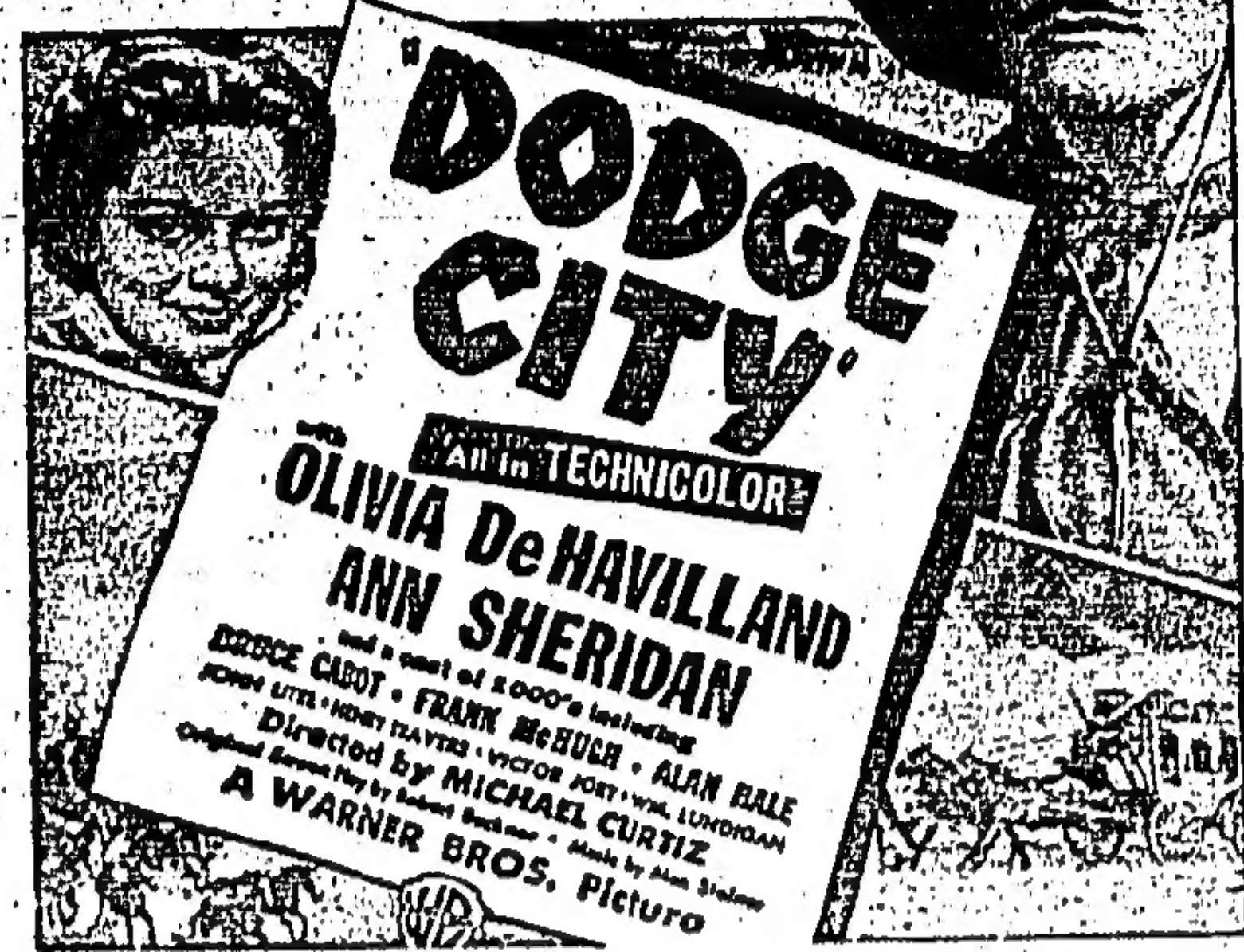


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## SHANGHAI TRIAL

Briton To Face Murder Charge To-day

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

A Seaford Highlander, David Eckford, native of Kirkcaldy, Fife-shire, begins a fight for his life in the British Supreme Court tomorrow when he will face a jury on a charge of murdering Lance-Cpl. James Davis, also of the Seafords, on November 4.

This will be the first murder trial of a British subject in Shanghai since the case of the Indian, Anna Singh, three years ago. Anna Singh was sentenced to death for killing a fellow Indian, but he was dramatically saved from the gallows when the rope broke while he was being hung in Ward Road Gaol. Davis was later committed to life imprisonment by the then Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, and now Anna Singh is serving his term of imprisonment at Moolan, India.

Private Eckford reserved his defence when he was committed for trial at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing in the British Police Court early in December when an eyewitness description of the shooting was given by another Highlander, Private Stirling.

Private Stirling said that on the evening of November 4 he was on duty at a sentry post on the border of the International Settlement where Japanese-occupied territory adjoins the sector manned by British troops. Lance-Cpl. Davis was in charge of the post which included Eckford. While on beat he noticed Eckford with a rifle levelled at Davis. About four and a half yards separated the two men. Eckford said, "I am going to shoot you." He pulled the trigger and the rifle went off. Eckford immediately handed the rifle to the sergeant. When the rifle went off Davis fell backward. Later a duty truck arrived with a patrol under the charge of Sergeant McDonald. Eckford said, "He is dead, Sergeant. I shot him."—Reuter.

## For French Lines

London, Jan. 7.

Ten thousand goods wagons and 240 locomotives, costing £8,000,000, are being built in Britain for use of those sections of the French railways operated by the British army. About £1,700,000 worth of railroad and dockside equipment has also been ordered.

The huge order will not prevent British engineers from continuing to build for overseas customers and deliveries are being guaranteed.

Among noteworthy deliveries of British-built locomotives to overseas during 1939 were six of the world's largest metre-gauge locomotives for the Kenya and Uganda Railways, making possible a journey from Nairobi to Kampala, Victoria Nyanza, and back—1,109 miles without changing engines, and a specially built Diesel locomotive for a Peruvian corporation to run on the World's highest railway line near La Paz, Bolivia, which includes a six-mile climb with a gradient of one in fourteen.

Turkish railways have ordered 58 locomotives from Britain for use in Asia Minor, and large commitments of rolling stock have been ordered by Egypt and the Union of South Africa.—British Wireless.

## Polish Conditions

Paris, Jan. 8.

Reports from the Polish Press declare there is much unrest both in territories under German and Russian control.

In Eastern Poland, which is occupied by the Soviet, conditions are deteriorating rapidly and private trade is almost at a standstill owing to lack of supplies, while requisitioning is resulting in a big rise in the cost of living.

The farmers prefer to barter their products than to accept cash. Soviet propaganda is so fantastic that the Poles accept it as a joke.—Reuter Bulletin.

## WEEK OF PRAYER

Opening Service Attended By Many People

The first day of the Universal Week of Prayer was attended by over 70 persons at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, when the Rev. H. D. Rosen-thal delivered a homily on "Thanksgiving, Confession and Intercession."

The Cathedral was open for private prayer and meditation before and after the service, which lasted for about half an hour.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Hong-kong will be taking to-day's service which will commence at 5.30 p.m. He will take as his text: "The Increasing Church."

## POLICE RESERVE PARADES

Police Reserve orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police are:

Leave—Constable R. P. Joseph, C. K. Wong has been granted three months' leave of absence from January 9 to April 2.

Training Course—Part 1—All recruits who have not yet passed Part 1 of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Friday at 5.30 p.m. for instructions under Sub-inspector (R) Chan Chung-tung. Dress: Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle and chain and truncheon.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Leave—Constable R. D. L. F. Rosario has been granted one month's leave of absence from January 4 to February 3.

Training Course—Part 1—All recruits will parade at No. 2 Police Station at 5.15 p.m. on Friday for instructions under N. C. O. A. Berrall.

N. C. O. A. Berrall will attend No. 2 Police Station at 5.15 p.m. today.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

The Police Store will be closed for the annual board of survey from January 10 to January 19 inclusive.

O. P. S. P. (R).

## LATE NEWS

## HAPPY REUNION

Schoolboy Flies From Southampton

There was a joyful reunion between son and parents at the Kai Tak Airport yesterday afternoon when the Imperial plane Della arrived.

It was the meeting of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clemo and their 18 year-old son Fred, who flew from Southampton by Imperial Airways. He had been attending Bedford College, having left Hongkong five years ago.

Also on board were Mrs. L. M. P. Wood and her two tiny daughters who also boarded the plane at Southampton.

There was quite a gathering of friends at the Airport to give the four returning Hongkong folk a great welcome. Young Clemo was full of smiles, excited and tremendously happy as he alighted from the Della and waved heartily to the gathering. The parents' smiles were radiant until Customs formalities were over, and then there was a happy meeting.

Young Clemo has the distinction of being the first schoolboy to make the air trip from England to Hongkong. He said he enjoyed every minute of it—except for a spell in Asia Minor when they had a rough passage. Otherwise the trip was uneventful and the weather delightful.

Mrs. Wood's two little girls were also very happy all the way and, according to the mother, "they had a swell time."

The Della brought 202 kilos of mail.

## Gandhi's Admonition

Bombay, Jan. 8.

Gandhi, in his paper Harijan, declares that the Congress organisation shows signs of disintegration.

He continues, "The Bengal Committee is frankly defiant; Orissa is split into two camps; things are not better in Karnataka, while a correspondent in Kerala says that the Provincial Committee does not believe in the present policy, and the command is trying by every means to undermine the influence of the Working Committee. Things are not so rosy in the Punjab."

He continues, "I cherish the hope that they will right themselves; if not, I cannot lend an undisciplined army to victory. The fresh elections are not in sight. The Congressmen's choice is unaltered. Let the younger men come forward and take charge. If they will not, but still retain the old team, they should give implicit obedience."

Gandhi's criticism of Bengal, which is an elaborate and lengthy statement issued by Prasad, is interpreted in political circles as once more a clear indication of the Mahatma's anxiety to avoid precipitate action in connection with the present political situation and the Congress majority's determination to keep left wing elements in order.—Reuter.

## MISSION ATTACKED

Chinese Raid Reported On Italian Catholic Church

New York, Jan. 8.

A German wireless message from Rome reports that the Italian Catholic Mission in Hanchunfu, Shensi, was attacked by 25 Chinese bombers and partly destroyed, according to a report from the Papal Institute for Foreign Missions in Milan.

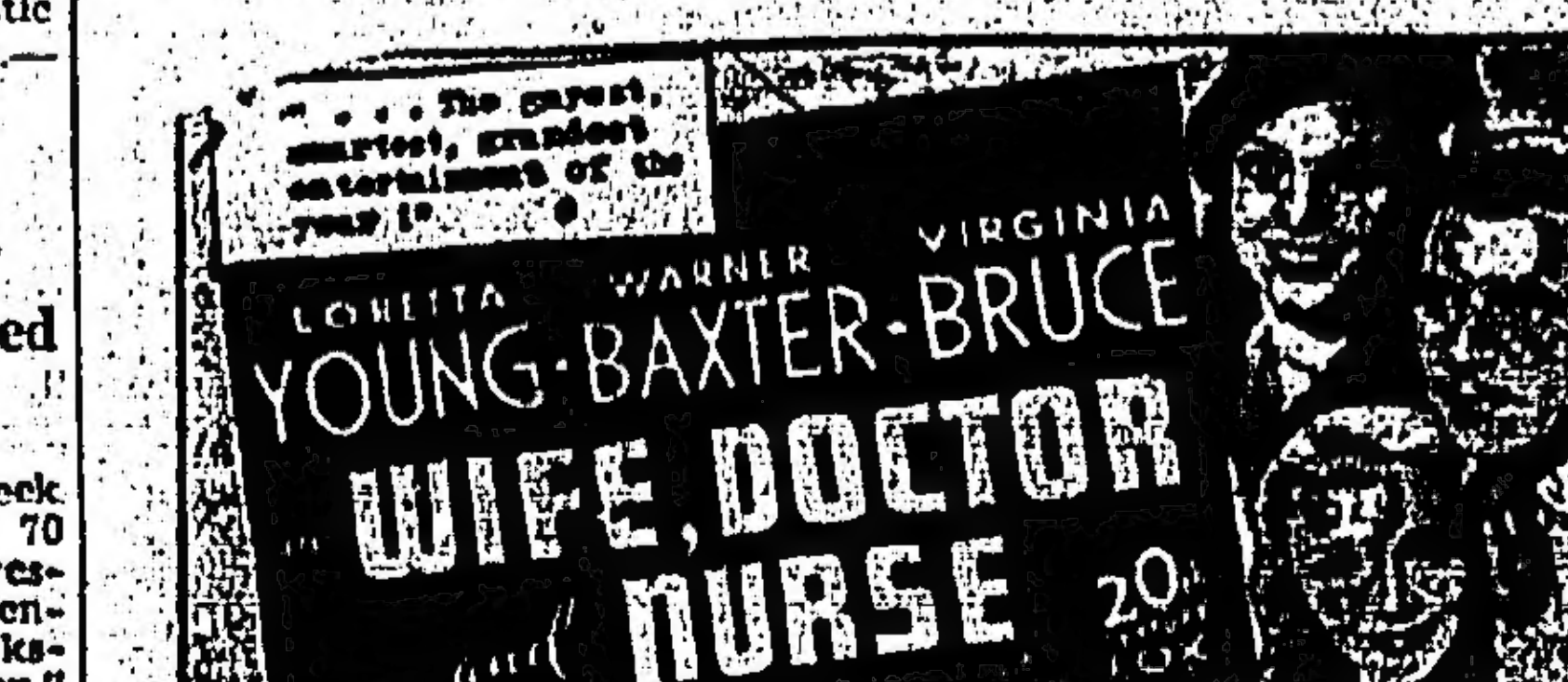
The Chinese bombs hit the girls' school, invalids' home and church. Three aged Chinese who had taken refuge in the church were killed. The same Mission was bombarded on October 25 last year by 35 Chinese planes when 100 were killed.—United Press.

## CATHAY

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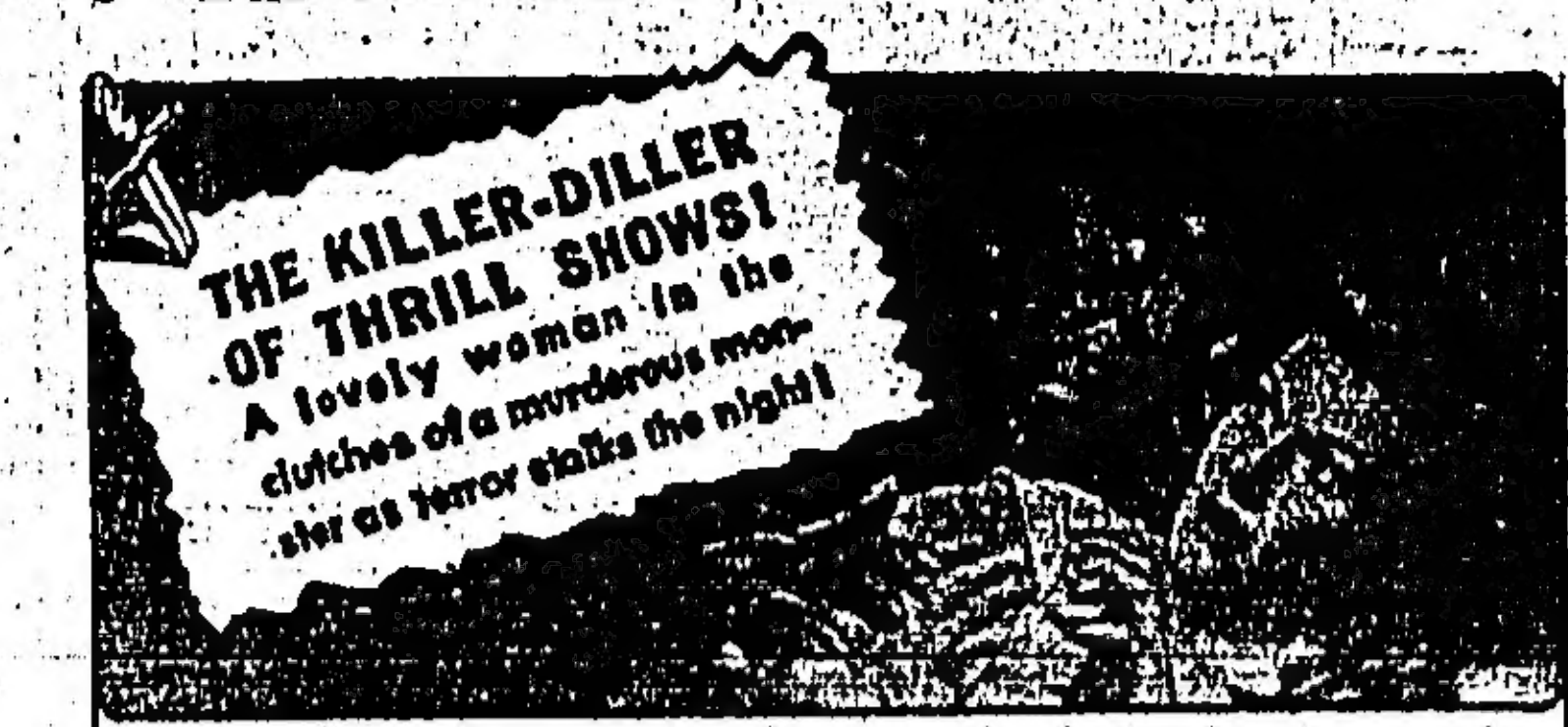
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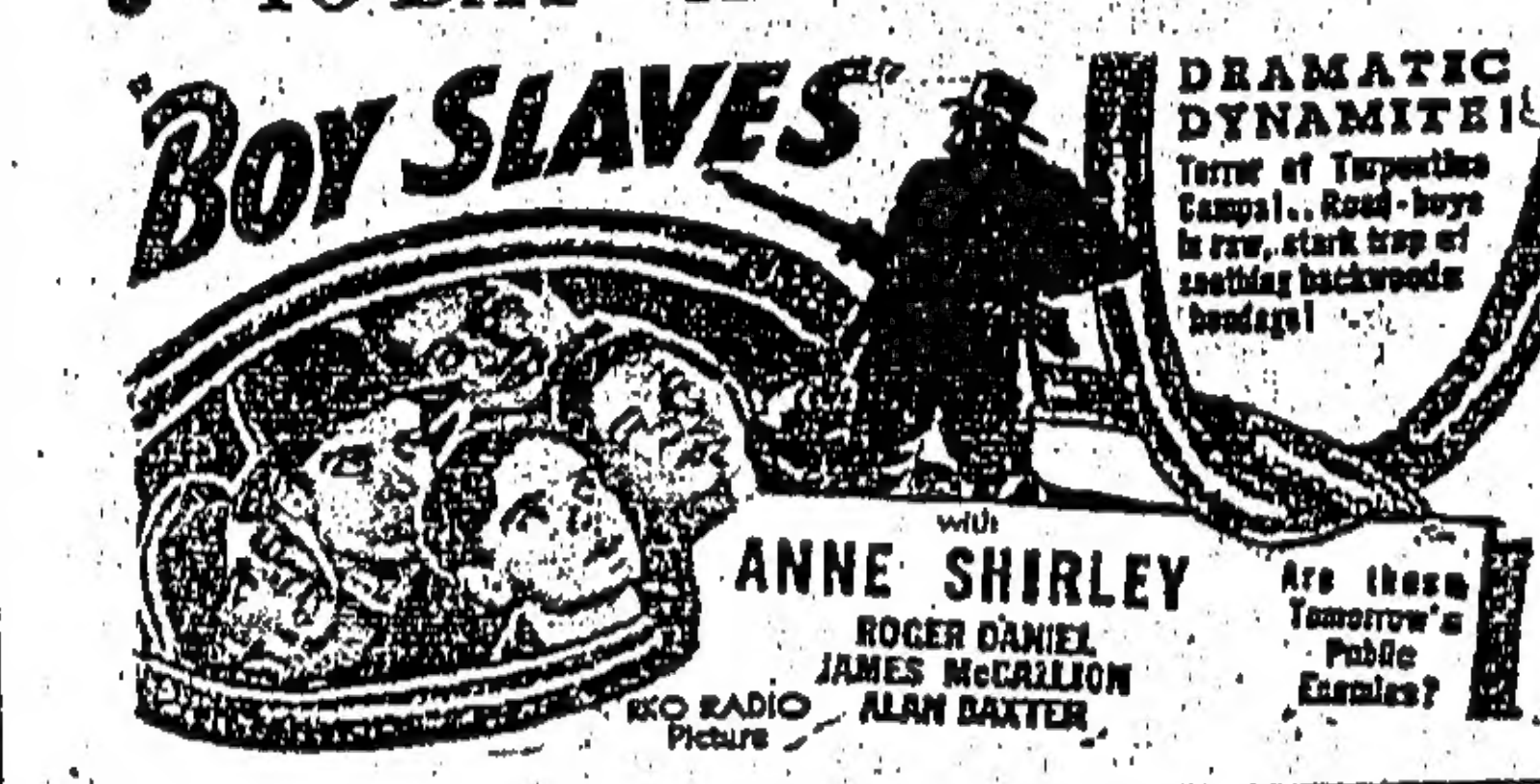


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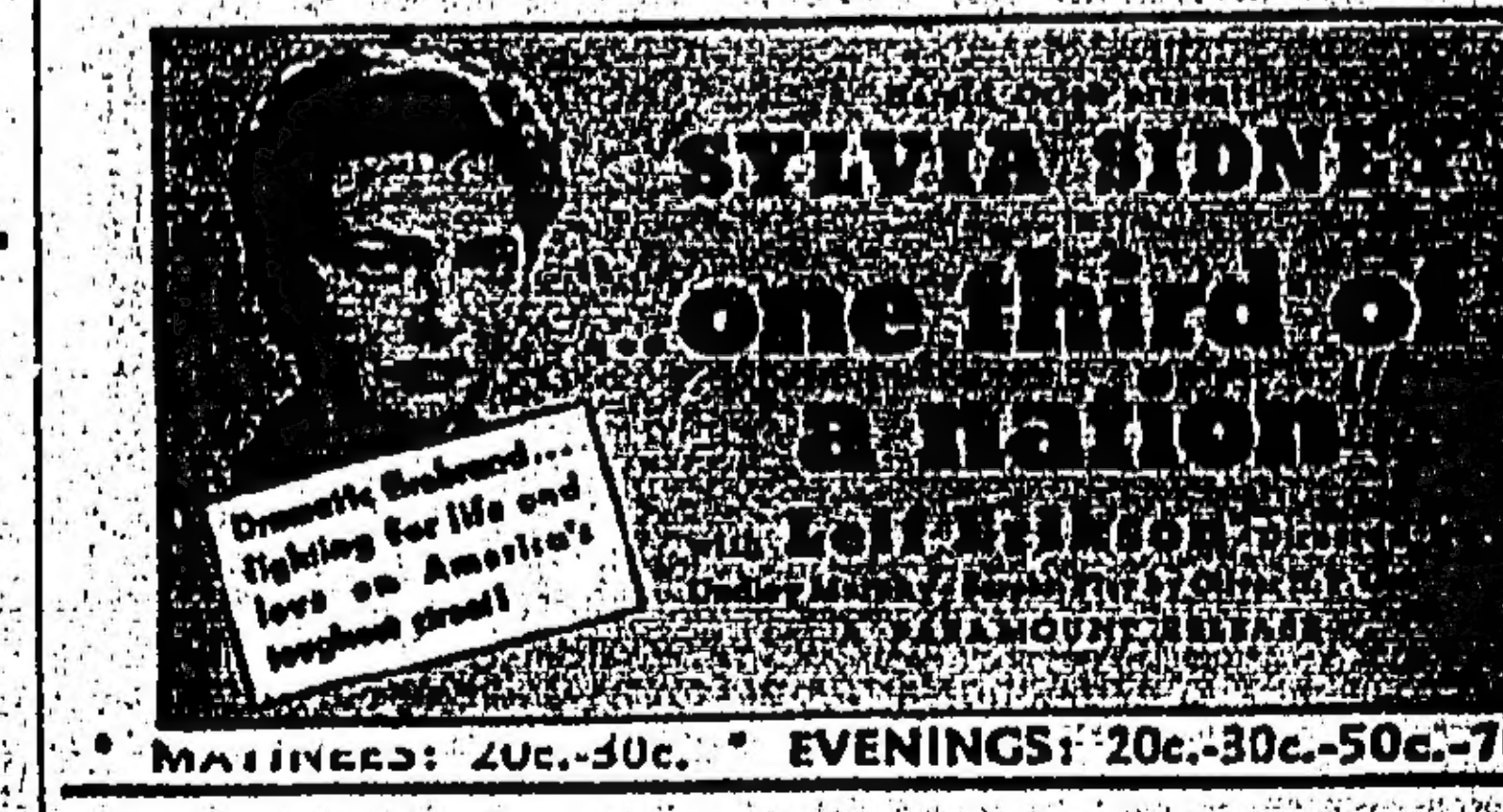
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INDISCREET REMARK

Japan Confident Envoy's Words Misreported

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

A Japanese Embassy spokesman disclosed to-day that the Japanese authorities had requested the French officials to investigate the accuracy of the reports that the French Ambassador, M. Henri Coeur, in a recent speech at Chungking, said China would be aided with weapons and France were in the same position, fighting an aggressive action. The spokesman said the Japanese are confident that the Ambassador's statement would not be taken as a statement, but as a warning. The Japanese would be aided with weapons and France were in the same position, fighting an aggressive action.—United Press.

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## Defensive Military Agreement Signed In Venice HUNGARIAN ALLIANCE WITH ITALY REPORTED

### New Pact Aimed At Preventing Expansion Of European War To Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 8. (UP)—It is reported by very reliable sources that Count Czaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, have concluded a defensive military alliance.

The alliance is "intended to protect and maintain peace in the Balkan and south-eastern Europe."

It is expected that the alliance will be officially announced after Count Ciano has reported to Signor Mussolini. This will be done tomorrow.

The alliance provides that Hungary will pursue its revisionist aims against its neighbours by peaceful means.

Count Czaky left Rome for Budapest at 6.05 p.m. Immediately after his departure, Count Ciano conferred with Il Duce.

Signor Gayda, commenting on the Venice talks in the "Giornale d'Italia," said to-day that Italy and Hungary were both determined to prevent the expansion of the war to the Balkan States and the Mediterranean Sea.

He warned that Hungary's desire to limit the conflict should not cause interested Powers to refuse to try to reach a reasonable solution of Hungary's revisionist problems.

In view of the European political and military situation, he said, the Italian and Hungarian foreign ministers had decided not to publish the substance of their talks at Venice.

Gayda's Hint To Rumania  
ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," gives a hint to Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial differences with Hungary in view of the European situation.

He says that the proposal to Hungary to settle problems peacefully cannot create a pretext for other Powers concerned to avoid a sincere examination and reasonable solution of the problems awaiting settlement.

It would be a fatal mistake not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution by just means, says Signor Gayda.

Direct American Aid  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Government has forced the League of Nations that American organizations are consulting directly with Finland regarding the request for material and humanitarian assistance.

The note, handed by the United States Minister at Bern, says that the United States Government has given tangible indication of sympathy to the people and government of Finland. The American Red Cross and private organizations have given medical, financial and other help, and they are consulting the most effective manner in which such aid may be continued and expanded.

Warning To Rumania  
ROME, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—The determination of Italy to force the war against Germany in the Balkan and Mediterranean was expressed by Signor Virginio Gayda in the semi-official organ, "Giornale d'Italia."

Signor Gayda declares: "Every one should note that Hungary stands at Italy's side in the policy the latter is planning and in the methods she intends to adopt for her development. At the same time, Italy stands on Hungary's side as far as special problems on foreign policy are concerned."

The writer, who is recognized as Mussolini's mouth-piece, then calls upon Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial differences with Hungary in view of the European situation.

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### FACTS

HUNGARY  
Population (1930 census)  
8,683,740, living in an area  
of 36,179 square miles.

Army in 1938: 1800 officers  
and 35,000 other ranks.  
No Air Force. The Army  
possesses only two aeroplanes.  
Mechanised Forces: 12  
tanks.

Artillery: Fewer than 100  
heavy pieces.  
"Navy": Four motorboats.

ITALY  
Population: 44,000,000.  
Metropolitan Army: 260,000.  
Fascist Militia: 559,000.  
Overseas garrisons about  
120,000. Mussolini recently  
boasted that he could raise an  
army of 10,000,000.

Navy: Ships completed at  
end of 1938: Four battleships,  
23 cruisers, 60 destroyers, 60  
torpedo boats, 103 submarines,  
100 motor-torpedo boats.

Four battleships are building,  
with 12 cruisers, 7 destroyers,  
2 or more torpedo boats and  
about 20 submarines.

Air Force: Military planes  
were known to number 3,000  
in 1938.

### ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

25 Per Cent. Increase  
Urged For U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Because the international situation "in conjunction with Far Eastern conditions presents a threat of world conflagration," Admiral Stark, Chief of Operations, appearing before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee, urged Congress to approve the \$1,800,000,000 increase in the U.S. Fleet.

Admiral Stark testified that "if the United States does not take immediate action towards increasing the strength of the Fleet, the end of the present war will find us in a relatively weak position."

Admiral Stark's testimony indicates that the expansion programme has been revised since it was first announced, to provide some larger ships than originally contemplated.

Hearing of the expansion programme opened with a brief preliminary statement by Mr. Charles Edison, Secretary for the Navy, who declared that he believed that the proposed 25 per cent. increase of the Fleet's size was needed "in view of the international situation."

307 New Ships  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Admiral Stark, who testified before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, said that

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### BIG BONDS FRAUD

## PARADE OF MOVIE STARS

Astonishing U.S.  
Court Scenes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (UP).—The conviction of Felipe Buencamino, a member of the Philippine Legislative Council on a count of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the sale of Philippine Railroad bonds, has been affirmed by the District Court of Appeals.

The convictions of William Gillespie were affirmed on all counts, with the exception of two counts of fraudulent use of the mails, which were reversed.

The decision does not change the original sentences imposed.  
Sr. Buencamino said: "I am sorry regarding the outcome of the appeal. I still feel that I have done no wrong. My attorneys are studying the decision."

As yet, no decision has been made regarding further appeals.

Contention Upheld  
The 20-page opinion sustaining the prosecution's contention that Bruckner met Buencamino who is a "powerful figure in island politics, and that Buencamino agreed to lead Legislative aid in return for \$50,000, which the prosecution contends is a bribe."

The opinion reviews Bruckner's activities in seeking to raise money in London. Buencamino held out for \$50,000 before he would sail for London, remaining untempted by the \$5,000 deposit in his name in Montreal.

None of the defendants were present in court. Buencamino's lawyer, Mr. George Norton, said he had not made any decision regarding his next step.

Rebuke By Judge  
Circuit Judge Charles E. Clark, condemned the courtroom tactics of the prosecutor, William P. Maloney, but said the evidence of the defendant's guilt was so overwhelming that the "attack of the appellants on the prosecutor must fail."

He referred to the fact that the appellants' brief bitterly attacked the prosecution in a personal manner.

Judge Clark said: "Even from the printed record we can see the vigour with which the prosecutor pressed the case which, at times, went beyond the decorum and dignity which an officer of the United States should observe."

The Judge criticised the "parading" of chorus girls and movie stars to the stand to "prove only minor points."

### Less Unemployed In Britain

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The registered unemployed on December 31, 1939, was 1,100,000, a decrease of 100,000 on the figure for the end of November.

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INDICATIVE OF THE EXTENT of China's "scorched earth policy," which aims at leaving nothing for the Japanese in the conquered area, this photograph shows the deliberate damage done to the main highway between Nanning and Peking. The road is absolutely impassable to all traffic. The Japanese caption to this photograph states that the destruction was carried out by "considerable engineering skill".  
—South China Photo Service.

### THE BBC TELLS A JOKE!

THE B.B.C. IS BECOMING KITTENISH!  
This is the joke Daventry broadcast at the end of the 7.15 p.m. News Bulletin last night.

It concerns an advertisement appearing in London's newspapers.  
The lady cat and her kitten are sitting in front of a bright coal fire.

"Mummy," asks the kitten, "does Mummy use Coalite?"  
"Good heavens, no," replied the mummy-cat. "Why do you ask?"

"Well, they say that you can get new scuttles to the tin with Coalite!"

### FOOD RATIONS, AND WHY

British Ministry's  
Four Reasons

LONDON, Jan. 8. (Reuter).—The Food Ministry announces to-day the following reasons for rationing:

1.—It prevents the waste of food. We must not ask sailors to bring unnecessary food cargoes at the risk of their lives.

2.—It increases the war effort. Reduction of the purchases of food abroad releases ships bringing other imports.

3.—It divides supplies equally.

4.—It prevents uncertainty.

Not A Deprivation  
Properly regarded, it is a system of deprivation but of convenience. With the quantities assured and alternatives available, the diet of the nation will lose nothing in food values, while the relief to shipping will free it for cargoes, which are vital to victory.

Had the public needed a stimulus to a cheerful acceptance of the plan, it was found in Mr. W. S. Morrison's plea that we should not ask seafaring men to add to the risk they are hourly taking with such fine courage by bringing us excess food.

Bigger Rations For Tomatoes  
LONDON, Jan. 8. (British Wireless).—Soldiers, sailors and airmen on leave in England will have much larger rations—abundance than civilians. The latter are entitled to 12 ounces of sugar, four ounces of bacon and ham, and four ounces of butter weekly, whereas members of the Forces on leave may have 11 ounces of sugar, six ounces of bacon and ham, and six ounces of butter weekly.

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### Russians Abandon Colossal Booty

## AMAZING CLAIMS BY FINNISH H.Q.

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A communique claims that the Finns scored a striking victory in destroying a Soviet division on the road from Suomussalmi to the Soviet frontier.

Besides 1,000 prisoners, the Finns captured much material, including tanks and armoured cars.

The communique states that in the recent fighting, the main object has been to regulate the 44th Russian Division, and this has now been achieved, the enemy's main forces having been destroyed.

The booty captured include 102 guns, 43 tanks, 10 armoured cars, aeroplanes, 278 motor vehicles of various kinds, over 1,000 horses and 47 field kitchens.

### ARGYLE ST. RIOTING

Soldier — Internees  
Battle With Police

CONSIDERABLE RETICENCE is being maintained by the police regarding a riot which occurred in the new internment camp for Chinese soldiers in Argyle Street yesterday afternoon.

Although official circles will give no information, the "Telegraph" understands that, as a result of the riots, two Indian police officers and several Chinese internees are in Kowloon hospital, suffering from injuries.

It is stated that the disturbance became so general that the emergency unit had to be called out to quell it.

The "Telegraph" understands that the disturbance occurred when a European officer attempted to arrest an internee who was guilty of an infraction of the camp rules.

The European was mobbed by a number of the internees and was able to extricate himself from a dangerous position only by drawing his revolver and summoning the guard.

In the general melee that followed, internees used their bed-boards as weapons, and the disorders ended only after the guards and extra police had made several baton charges.

It is understood that several alleged singlers were arrested last night after "lights out."

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### ROME AID FOR FINNS THWARTED

Nazis Holding Up  
Aeroplanes

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Germany now admits having stopped Italian aeroplanes from proceeding through to Finland.

According to an "Associated Press" correspondent, Italian planes were sent by rail to a Baltic port, their destination being Finland. The number is not known, but there are a number of Italian railway cars at that port.

Soviet Pressure On Nazis  
The Nazi attitude seems to have been determined by Soviet pressure. The Nazi Government would not be able to co-operate with its Italian Axis partner in aiding Finland without violent objections from the new ally—Soviet Russia.

Stopped In Transit  
BRUSSELS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A large quantity of war material destined for Finland was stopped in transit by Germany, according to the

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### 20-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN GIRL AIDS CHINESE

CHUNGKING, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—A pretty 20-year-old American girl, Miss Betty Graham, of Seattle, Washington, is driving an International Red Cross truck between the major cities of Central China, braving the dangers of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

After arriving at Chungking on Sunday night, Miss Graham will be on the road again on Wednesday when her truck leaves with medical supplies for Kweiyang, the capital of Kweichow.

She left Shanghai last November and travelled alone from Ningpo to Kweiyang and later to Kunning and Kweiyang.

"I want to call China my home, and expect to stay here a long time and I will concentrate on learning the language," she says.

In 1936, Miss Graham was arrested in Manchuria as a spy and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. The sentence was rescinded although, as she recalled in an interview here, "I enthusiastically offered to go to jail."

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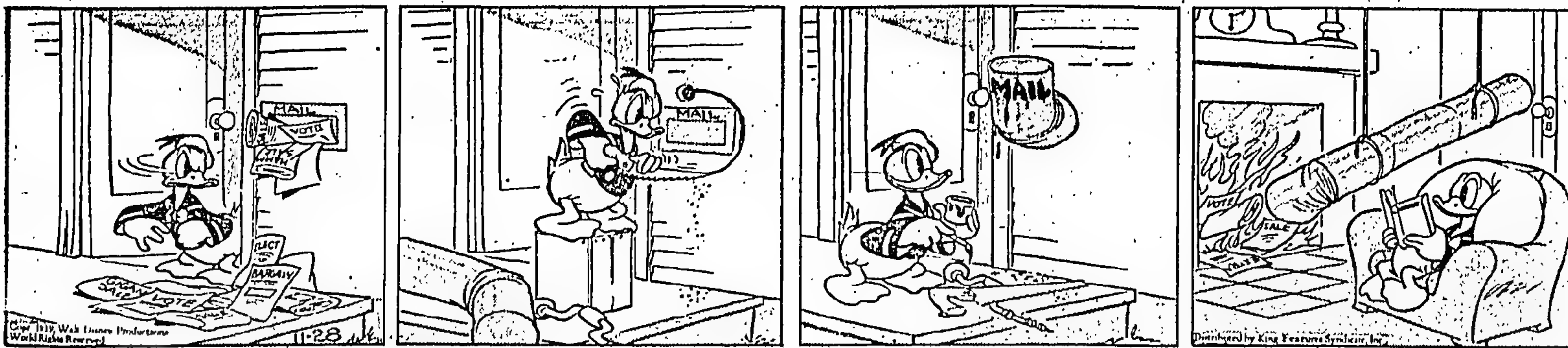
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Goldin was president of the club. At one time he had ten companies exploiting the famous "sawing through a woman" illusion; a model showing how it is worked is among the secrets in the safe.

### He remembered

He left no will, and letters of administration have been granted to his widow, Mr. Helen Leighton Goldstein, now living in America.

Goldstein was Goldin's real name; he was a Polish-Jew, and he emigrated to America as a youth.

Mr. Goldston said the reason Goldin left so little was that for years he had supported seven people who used to work in his shows.

They had to give up their jobs through illness. One was a woman. Mr. Goldston added: "Goldin had a hard time as a boy, and it made him generous to everybody he employed."

"Every Friday he would come into my room to make out pay envelopes for his seven pensioners. It was his great secret."

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### SOLDATS FRANÇAIS!

Above is part of a German leaflet in French, some copies of which fell in Luxembourg. Translation is:

FRENCH SOLDIERS! We know that in these front lines you don't want the war any more than we do.

What are you doing? We want nothing from you; neither your land nor your life. And that you know.

You don't want to fire on us and we don't want to fire on you.

Who are the only people who really want this ridiculous war? Who has wanted to decide upon this gigantic slaughter of peoples?

Simply and solely the English.

The English once again will fight to the last. Frenchman to save their World Power.

## Wife To See All The Documents

# MALCOLM CAMPBELL DIVORCE CASE PLEA

## Wife To See All The Documents

SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL'S petition for divorce from Lady (Dorothy Evelyn) Campbell, on the ground of her alleged adultery with the Hon. Brian Lewis and Mr. Angus Murdoch Keith, was mentioned in the Court of Appeal last month.

Mr. R. F. Levy, K.C., for Lady Campbell, supported an appeal from an order of Mr. Justice Henn Collins, in the Divorce Division, relating to the discovery of documents in the divorce proceedings.

## Blaming The Enemy

A German broadcast was blamed at Weymouth, when a summons against Frank Ernest Charles Roe, landlord of the Cutter Hotel, for supplying liquor after hours, was dismissed.

Policemen who were listening outside the hotel said they heard a voice say, "Come on, let's have one for the road."

For the defence it was stated that liquor was served to residents—two civilians, a flight-lieutenant, and four non-commissioned officers.

Captain F. D. Roe, the landlord's father, said the words heard by the police came in a German broadcast in English from Zeelen.

## Germany Ripe For Revolt, Says Strasser

Paris. "Germany is ready for an anti-Hitler revolution," declared Dr. Otto Strasser (who has been called "Hitler's worst enemy") in a "Paris-Sol" interview.

Dr. Strasser, who is now in Paris, disclosed that he was given four hours to leave Switzerland after the Munich bomb explosion because the Nazis were demanding his extradition.

His opinion is that the bomb attempt "could only have been caused by Gestapo provocation."

"I can give you one last detail," he continued. "The beerhouse where the explosion took place had been insured with a Swiss company four weeks previously."

"Rising in Spring" Dr. Strasser's contact not only with members of my organisation but also with numerous militarists and party members.

"I can tell you that Germany is ready for an anti-Hitler revolution. But you know that Germans do not know how to act without receiving a formal order."

"First of all three conditions must be realised: The Germans who still believe in Hitler should really feel the horrors of war."

"The Reich must suffer its first military check; and 'privations must become more biting."

"I consider that by the spring of 1940 these three conditions will be fulfilled."

Dr. Strasser is the leader of the anti-Nazi "Black Front" organisation and has waged a bitter war from abroad against Hitler since his brother, Dr. George Strasser, was killed by the Nazis in Berlin some years ago.

"The brothers were at one time Hitler's most trusted friends," he said.

ground for limiting the order in the way the judge limited it. The appeal would be allowed and the order of the Registrar restored. Lords Justices Scott and MacKinnon concurred.

He said that there was a petition by Sir Malcolm and a cross-petition by Lady Campbell. The petitions had been consolidated.

To Sir Malcolm's petition there was an answer by Lady Campbell admitting adultery with one of the two co-respondents named by Sir Malcolm and alleging acts on the part of Sir Malcolm conducing to the adultery.

The answer of Sir Malcolm to his wife's petition was a denial of her allegations.

In her answer to Sir Malcolm's petition, said Mr. Levy, Lady Campbell admitted that between 1931 and 1934 she committed adultery with one co-respondent, but she said that Sir Malcolm had consistently neglected her and that he had been in the habit of associating with certain women—in spite of her protests.

### WOMEN NAMED

Lady Campbell named a number of women with whom, she said, Sir Malcolm had associated.

Upon that issue, added Mr. Levy, an order against Sir Malcolm was made for the discovery of documents. In due course Sir Malcolm filed an affidavit of documents, but it contained no reference to any correspondence passing between Sir Malcolm and the women mentioned by Lady Campbell in her answer or of his association with them.

Lady Campbell, however, was in possession of a number of letters and other documents which had been written by the women named in her answer to Sir Malcolm, and other documents such as invoices or receipts for jewellery which would appear to have been presents for some of the women.

### WOMAN'S OPERATION

Accordingly Lady Campbell took out a summons for an affidavit of documents. This came before a Registrar, who made an order on it that certain classes of documents should be disclosed. These included correspondence between Sir Malcolm and Hilda Rogers and her mother, and other documents relating to a surgical operation undergone by Hilda Rogers in August 1937.

Hilda Rogers, Mr. Levy said, was one of the women referred to in the particulars of conduct in the petition. Sir Malcolm consented from the Registrar's order to Mr. Justice Henn Collins, who allowed the order to stand so far as it related to the documents which were in Lady Campbell's possession, but not in regard to other similar documents.

Mr. Levy submitted that Lady Campbell was entitled to have all the documents disclosed.

Giving judgment allowing the appeal, the Master of the Rolls said that the existence of the allegations, alleged by Lady Campbell, was a relevant matter and he could see no

## These ARE THE SONGS THEY ARE SINGING AT HOME

Novelty dance numbers, which considerably enlivened last year's Christmas and New Year festivities, and swing music, say Hongkong bandleaders, will be the vogue this season.

Of the novelty dance numbers, bandleaders select the "Boomp-a-Daisy"—and that old favourite, the Palms Glide.

Already a popular item in many places, the "Boomp-a-Daisy" has not yet become a "hit" at the cabarets, although the dance was introduced to Hongkong some time ago by Dave Harvey, the popular entertainer at the "Grippe" who is now in Manila.

Cabaret managements, however, have optimistic views that the number will be popularised before the festivities begin.

An old war-time favourite, the Valse, will come into prominence this year, according to a bandleader's predictions. It has already gained popularity in the past few weeks.

The latest song hit of the present war, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," will take its place beside songs of the last war, such as "Tipperary," and "Pack Up Your Troubles."

Many people have already become acquainted with the words of "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line" for the verses are "hoarded" every time the tune is played at the Hongkong Hotel.

Another very popular tune of the present war which has already been heard in Hongkong on the radio, "Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," is expected to be popularised in Hongkong by the New Year.

Two other tunes now popular in Great Britain, "Run, Rabbit, Run," and "Nasty Uncle Adolf," are expected to become favourites in Hongkong shortly.

Words to the novelty number tune, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," and "Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," are:

### The Boomp-a-Daisy

Clap hands, slap knees and boomp-a-daisy,  
I like a battle that bends,  
Clap hands, slap knees and boomp-a-daisy,  
What is a boomp between friends?  
Clap hands, now don't be lazy,  
Let's make the party a woe,  
Now then, clap hands, slap knees and boomp-a-daisy,  
Turn to your partner and bow,  
Bow-wow, bow, bow-wow.

## Boon of War: Fewer Saxophones

Men who make saxophones are busy on work of national importance, which is not making saxophones.

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### A Useful Job

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Working at his lathe, Arthur Baillie, who has spent all his life at the craft, told something of the uses of metal-spinning.

"Spinning's a useful job," he said, "as, with a few deft touches, he spun the brass binding on to the bell-mouth of a trumpet."

"It's not all for trumpets and such-like. I've made chalices and candlesticks, silver cups and hunting horns."

## Nation Cannot Afford "Little Barbarians"

"The nation cannot afford to let 750,000 children grow up as little barbarians."

Earl De La Warr, President of the Board of Education, said.

He was addressing a teachers' meeting at Tooting, Gloucestershire. About 750,000 children had been evacuated. A similar number left behind were receiving no schooling.

Earl De La Warr hoped to make an early statement on the Government's

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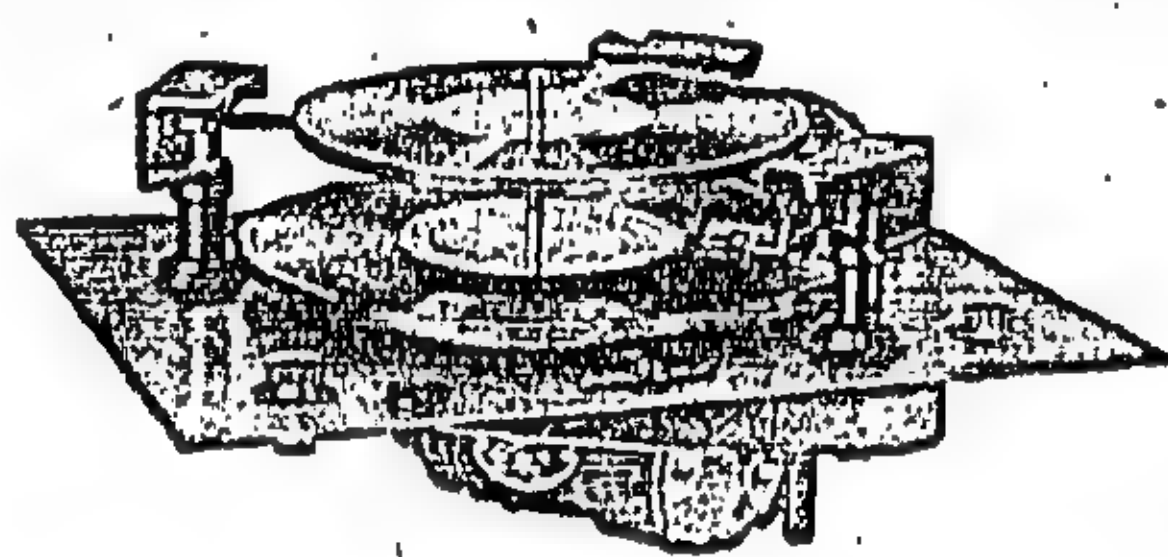
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### War Spending

J. M. Keynes, the English economist, has been putting up a proposition for paying for the war which, at first sight, looks like a conjuror's device for enabling everyone to hand over money to the State and yet have it safely in the banks for future use.

The position broadly is this: when a country is at war a great part of its effort goes into fighting and making war goods, and therefore less effort is available for producing ordinary consumption—goods—the nation's consumption must be reduced. The reduction may be effected by taking away some of its earnings by taxation, so that it must spend less; or by raising prices, so that it does not get so much for its money. Both methods if pressed far have their drawbacks.

So Mr. Keynes suggests a third method which would counteract the tendency for prices to rise, and would yet leave the worker with some part at least of his surplus earnings credited to him for future use. Employers would deduct a certain percentage of wages and incomes from all payments due to employees and hand it over to the State. The Treasury would then deal with the accounts. Those who were liable for income tax would have the amount withdrawn from their credit, and the balance would be credited to them at 2½ per cent, to be repayable after the war.

The plan reveals itself as one for compulsory lending to the State. But there is much to be said for the method by which the loan would be raised. Whether people like it or not, thrift must be practised during the war, and here is a way of simplifying it and using it for the benefit of the State. It has the advantage of preventing over-consumption at a time when there will be little or no unemployment, and reserving consuming power for a time when it will be most needed—after the war, when there will be danger of severe unemployment. This is not to say that the danger of these savings being hit by post-war inflation can be ruled out. But if a simple means can be found for directing a nation's war spending on sound lines, that is just what is wanted in Britain to-day.



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The Scene Shifters: "For Gott's sake, boss, make up your mind. Which scene do we start with?"

# WHY HITLER HESITATES

by Francis Williams

NO real ray of light yet penetrates the fog of this strange new war.

The war strategy of the Allies is, it is true, clear enough, and on the whole thoroughly commendable. It has from the beginning been directed to avoiding large wastage of life in attacks against strongly fortified positions. It is the strategy of siege warfare, not of an attempt at a knock-out blow—whether by land or air.

It is the German reaction which provides the mystery of the war. Here are threats piled upon threats, but so far hardly any action at all. Instead of the blitzkrieg expected, there is confusion and inactivity. In place of the waves of attacking planes which each one of us anticipated, there is a spray of propaganda which dashes itself to nothingness against the rock of fact.

Why is this? What is happening inside Germany to explain this failure of German arms even to attempt any decisive action?

There seem to me to be four possible explanations. Here they are:

(1) German inactivity may be a quite deliberate and considered policy of political war.

As I pointed out in one of my previous weekly articles, military and political weapons are, for Herr Hitler, interchangeable—he employs whichever seems most likely to achieve his purpose.

And it is possible that he still considers that if Germany takes no decisive action, and particularly no decisive action against civilian populations, Britain and France will get tired of making a war

which has no battles and will, in the end, allow it to die of its own inertia, leaving Germany still in possession of Czechoslovakia and her part of Poland.

Hitler may have studied the history of Sanctions against Italy and remember that after a period of not very whole-hearted action, there came a time when Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced that Sanctions had become midsummer madness. They were ended and Italy remained with her Abyssinia prize.

He may think—wrongly, I consider—that if he bides his time and does nothing very much, history will repeat itself, and that Mr. Chamberlain will make another speech and that another act of aggression will have been allowed to succeed.

(2) The absence of a German attack may be due to inability to attack effectively against strong defences.

The Air Force which has hung as a threat over Europe for so many years, may have been largely bluff and may not, in fact, be competent to undertake engagements which will involve it in a clash with first-rate opponents.

And the Army may be insufficiently equipped, have too small a proportion of fully trained men, and be unable to rely upon an efficient enough transport system to make it possible for it to risk any large engagement.

(3) There may be dissensions so acute within Germany that the regime dare not risk a major war operation.

It may not dare risk it for fear

that it shall provide the cover for a major internal revolt—either within the Nazi Party itself or on the initiative of a monarchist-Army group, or possibly—although at the present stage this seems not very probable—within the mass of bewildered ordinary people.

(4) Indecision may be due to a brainstorm on the part of Hitler himself.

The feeling that he is being thwarted by Britain and France may, for the time being, have upset the balance of a mind never very stable.

Opposition to his will has always driven Hitler into a frenzy. If to this is added the effect of the Munich bomb plot, it may be that the Fuehrer is in no condition to come to any decisions himself and that none of his entourage has the courage to make decisions for him other than the makeshift decision to fill in the gap with loud threats.

Which of these possible explanations of German inactivity is the most likely to be correct? It is very difficult to say.

There is some evidence to support each of them.

In support of the first is the fact that the one constant theme of German radio propaganda in English has been—apart from dislike for Mr. Churchill—that this is an absurd war. Again and again comes the attempt to persuade the people of Britain that none of their real interests is affected, and that it would be better for everybody if

the war were called off without further ado. There is other evidence of the same kind.

Yet such an explanation does not square either with the bursts of hate propaganda, or with what seems at one time to have been very near to a decision to attack Holland.

In favour of the second explanation is the definite failure of the German air attacks on Scotland, the very high percentage of casualties and the accumulating evidence that the German fighters are inferior to both the British and French.

Yet it is difficult to believe that the leaders of a great military machine like the German would admit inferiority simply on such evidence and without the test of a really large scale action.

As to the dissension within Germany, there was evidence of that before the Munich bomb showed the pitch to which hatred of Hitler has risen among some, at any rate, of those near to him.

And finally we have plenty of evidence over a long period of the unstable nature of the German leader—of the passions into which opposition to his will throws him and of how queerly balanced in him are periods of indecision and of sudden political flair and decision.

Reports of a contemplated attack, first in this direction and then in that, the mixture of consultation and hate in propaganda, all suggest that he is in one of these moods of indecision now.

If so we must not expect that indecision to last indefinitely. Nor, if we are wise, will we underestimate the power and energy of Herr Hitler when he does make up his mind.

Here then are four possible explanations of the mystery of Germany's inactivity. My own feeling is that it is something of all four which holds Germany back.

Hitler, I think, has not yet quite made up his mind that the era of victories without war is over; he has been shaken in his hopes of a lightning war by his generals' reports on the comparative strength of the German forces and still more shaken by the knowledge of plots against him. In consequence he is at the moment in a mood of hysteria which makes decision impossible.

No doubt that mood will pass. But while it lasts we gain. Every day increases our output of arms, every day improves further our already strong Air Force.

And within Germany indecision at the top must be having a crushing effect upon the morale of the mass.

We must not fall into the danger of over-confidence, nor delude ourselves that Nazism will be defeated without a struggle.

But we may, at any rate, congratulate ourselves that in these early days democracy has shown its steadiness both in strategy and in purpose. The Hitlerism has been unable to achieve.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"The wife's beginning to wonder why I've stopped biting my nails!"



## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### Ship's Fight With U-Boat

Successfully Evades Two Torpedoes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Royal Mail liner, Highland Patriot, 14,000 tons, has arrived here safely after a running fight with a U-boat.

The ship was attacked by the submarine which fired two torpedoes. Both missed.

The ship's guns were promptly manned and the gunners continued firing when conditions permitted for some two hours.

British Ship Mined  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—The British steamer Cedrington Court, 5,100 tons, sank in ten minutes after an explosion occurred off the southeast coast last Sunday. The entire crew of 34 were saved.

One deckboy was blown 20 feet into the air, fracturing a leg. He was taken to hospital.

### Hore-Belisha Resignation

Caused By Rebuke To Senior Officer?

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Discussing Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation, the "Evening Standard" bluntly charges that it came about as a result of his rebuke of a senior officer.

This aroused resentment among the higher ranks as the junior ranks knew about it.

Also, says "Evening Standard," Mr. Hore-Belisha had differences of opinion with General Sir Edmund Leake, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, over the state of the defence in the British lines in France.

ROME AID FOR FINNS THWARTED

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Berlin correspondent of the "Belga" agency.

At first sight, the material seems to have originated from Italy.

So far German circles have given no political or legal justification for this seizure.

U.S. To Aid Direct

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The United States Government has notified the League of Nations that she prefers to extend aid to Finland direct rather than through any general co-operative scheme.

This is in reply to a League of Nations Communication asking the nations of the world how far they would go in the matter.

ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

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other nations were building warships rapidly.

The United States will be a relatively weak power unless Congress authorizes further construction," he warned.

Admiral Stark supported the 25 per cent increase in tonnage and a total of 6,000 planes for the naval air arm as authorised by the Vinson Bill.

He said that the Bill would at a cost of \$1,300,000,000 provide 107 new ships, including 30 auxiliary vessels.

The Admiral's testimony followed a brief statement by Secretary for the Navy Mr. Charles Edison asking for enactment of the Bill "in view of the grave international situation."

### U.S. TO FORTIFY ALASKA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Domel).—It is understood that during the current Congress session a definite plan for strengthening the defences in Alaska will be submitted.

Informal quarters point out that as part of the rearmament scheme, the Army will establish a big air base in Alaska while the Navy will open a naval base at Dutch Harbour.

### Trans-Atlantic Air Service In June

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—The British Overseas Airways Corporation is sending a technical expert to the United States, Canada and Newfoundland in anticipation of opening a Trans-Atlantic air service in June from Britain.

CANBERRA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, stated today that the Government immediately is considering the question of diplomatic representation in Tokyo.

# ENTIRE RUSSIAN DIVISION SMASHED BY THE FINNS

## No Threat To Boulder Dam

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—The War and Navy Departments and the Federal Bureau of Investigation deny knowledge of foreign reports of a plot against the Boulder Dam. It is stated the rumours were probably due to the special precautions taken during the past month to guard the Dam.

The Commissioner of Reclamation, Mr. John C. Fage, said he had not heard of any plot. The rumours were probably precipitated by the precautions taken by the authorities.

## Illegal Immigrants

Authorities Issue New Warning

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—Reports have reached London that certain shipping agencies are engaged in organised transport of immigrants to Palestine.

There is reason to believe that intending immigrants are unaware that they will not be admitted into Palestine unless possessed of immigration certificates issued by the Palestine Department of Migration and that if they arrive in Palestine without these certificates, they are liable to serious penalties and deportation under Palestine law.

Unseaworthy Ships

Ships on which immigrants travel at great expense to themselves and it is alleged, small insanitary and unseaworthy. The captains and crews also are apparently unaware that by carrying passengers not legally entitled to land in Palestine they themselves are liable to arrest and heavy fines.

There is a report that the Second Officer of the Turkish steamer, Sakarya, now at Sullia, has resigned his post because he engaged in this traffic and has discovered the penalties to which he would be liable. It is also reported that conditions on the Sakarya are very bad. There is no heating and there have been several dozen cases of pneumonia amongst the complement.

## HUNGARIAN ALLIANCE WITH ITALY REPORTED

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differences with Hungary in view of the European situation. It would be a fatal mistake, he states, not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution.

Aimed At Both Nazis And Soviet Russia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BUDAPEST, Jan. 8 (Domel).—It is reported that an understanding regarding the conclusion of a defensive alliance between Italy and Hungary has been reached as the result of the conversations between the Foreign Ministers of the two countries at Venice.

The report says that Italy will extend military assistance to Hungary immediately in case of either Germany or Soviet Union invade Hungary.

It is understood that the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, following his conversations with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, at Venice, has brought to Budapest a draft of the proposed military alliance.

Obtaining his Government's approval for it, Count Csaky will proceed to Rome to sign the Military agreement formally with the Italian Foreign Minister.

"Nothing Known" Says Reuter  
ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in Rome concerning the conclusion of a defensive military alliance between Italy and Hungary as reported in the New York wireless broadcast which said that Count Ciano and Count Csaky had agreed to such a pact during their week-end in Venice.

The New York wireless quoted a highly-authoritative source in Budapest for its statement, declaring that Italy had agreed to go to the assistance of Hungary in the event of aggression against her by Russia or Germany.

The announcer added that Count Csaky would submit the proposed pact to the Government, and then return to Italy.

## 40,000 Repatriated Nazis Return

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency announced that 40,000 repatriated Germans from the former Eastern Poland have arrived at Lodz, where they are accommodated in camps.

The first contingent of Germans from the former North and Central Poland, many of whom made the journey in horse-drawn vehicles, have also arrived at Lodz.

# Defenders' Greatest Victory of the War: Much Material Taken

Helsinki, January 9.

The Finns have announced that their army has smashed the entire Russian Forty-Fourth Division, between fifteen and eighteen thousand men, near Suomussalmi.

The communique states that among the material captured were 1,170 horses, 47 field kitchens, 378 automobiles and ten armoured cars.

A special communique characterises the victory as the biggest since the Russo-Finn war began.

Over a thousand Russians were captured, in addition to 43 tanks, many guns and a vast amount of other booty.—United Press.

## Finnish Advances

Helsinki, Jan. 8. The Finnish troops continue to advance on the Salla front. Preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment, the Finns re-occupied their positions, inflicting heavy losses on the Soviet troops.

The Russians are digging themselves in and are finding the cold so intense that many soldiers became unconscious.—Reuter Bulletin.

## Rad Communique

Moscow, Jan. 8. A Red Army communique states that scouting activities were continued in the Ukhla and Repola regions, while patrols outed a Finnish detachment in the Petrozavodsk region.

Artillery fire and scouting activities were reported from the Karelian Isthmus.

Owing to unfavourable weather there was no aviation activity.—United Press.

## Intense Cold Spell

Karelian Isthmus, Jan. 8. Intense frost which congealed low particles almost like snow, was the ally of the Finns in their defence against the Russians on Sunday.

It was too cold for any major activity except artillery fire, which at times burst heavily on the Isthmus, for most of the Russian fingers were too numb to squeeze their rifles in view of the temperature dropping as low as 33 under zero. It is possible that it was colder elsewhere.—United Press.

## Pushing Home Advantage

Rovanlammi, Jan. 8. The 300 Russians who in last night's communique were announced as killed were in the first major encounter in 14 days on the Salla sector—the encounter in which the Finns are pushing their advantage in an effort to mass the remnants of the Russian forces between the two jaws of a nut-cracker movement south of Salla.

The fighting has now reached the actual border in the Suomussalmi sector at Raate. The town of Raate is two kilometres from the frontier on the road from Suomussalmi to the border. Lakke Raate, in the same neighbourhood, is discredited by the frontier.

The ski detachment killed at Salla apparently belonged to the forces which the Russians equipped in an effort to emulate Finnish penetration tactics. As a rule these isolated detachments are much larger than Finnish patrols. They may comprise any number up to 1,000.

The use of ski by the Russians is reported on several fronts recently, but the Finns claim that hardly one Russian knows how to ski. It is claimed that they found ski with Russian felt boots nailed to them.

When the Russians are forced to see they leave the ski and boots behind.

The fact is that an ordinary Russian soldier's boots are unfit for ski whether they are made of felt, as in most cases, or leather, whereas the Finnish soldier's boots have turned up tops to fit into the bindings of the ski and are easily removed.

On Klanta Lake the Finns found among captured war materials small trucks loaded with ski—Finnish ski taken from evacuated Finnish towns and apparently intended for use later by Russian forest patrols.—United Press.

## Appeal For Aid

London, Jan. 8. An Empire-wide broadcast appeal for help of every kind for Finland was made last night by Doctor Tancred Borenius, Professor of History of Art at London University, who is himself a Finn.

"Although we have been victorious so far," he said, "it is obvious that the hour of danger is not past."

In referring to the fact that the British Legion had sent a house to serve as the headquarters of the fund, he said the Legion had not been slow in realising that Britain and Finland were fighting for the same ideals. It was on Finland that the "brunt of the battle" was now falling.

The greatest and most urgent need was medical supplies of all kinds.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand do.	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	200
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103
T.T. India	24 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	160 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/c London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P Do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11 1/2
30 d/s India	1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	402 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N. Y.	3 1/2

## Japanese Army Won't Leave

—SPOKESMAN

PEIPING, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The status of the North China regime would be the same even after the formation of the proposed Central regime, declared the Japanese Army spokesman here yesterday.

This spokesman added that the North China army was convinced that they must aid the formation of the new regime.

There is no possibility of the withdrawal of the Japanese Army from China, at least for the time being, the spokesman added.

There will be a special status provided for Mongolia and North China under the projected Government.

## CANADIAN C.O. ENTERTAINED

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The leader of the Canadian Overseas Army, Major-General Andrew McNaughton, and his two senior officers, were entertained on Sunday by the Duke of Connaught at his Surrey residence.

His Royal Highness, who is a former Governor-General of Canada, showed an active interest in the welfare and training of the Canadian troops.

Major-General McNaughton said that the British authorities had done their utmost to make the Canadians comfortable and to help with their training.

The U-boat then disappeared.

## King Of Thai In Switzerland

ZURICH, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The 14-year-old King of Thai, accompanied by his mother and brothers, has arrived in Switzerland on holiday.

VIGO, Spain, Jan. 8 (UP).—The French patrol ship Barsoe, 1,040 tons, is grounded on Oza Island, at the mouth of the Marin River, and she is a total wreck. Ten members of the crew are missing.

## Dreaming With Eyes Open

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The "North China Daily News" has received from a gentleman in Nanking who styles himself "Retrospection Commissioner of the Reformed Government" an invitation to attend "a reception and ball at the Repulse Bay Hotel, Hongkong, on the occasion of the formal signing of an agreement between China and Great Britain to cede Hongkong to the former."

The date of the signing of the agreement will, it is said, be announced later.

The invitation states that "the Commissioner takes this opportunity of expressing gratification that all foreign Settlements and Concessions which have been encroaching on Chinese sovereignty and soil are now a thing of the past."

## H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were listed on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

## BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,400 b. & so.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	2.85 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	2.87 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	7 1/2 n.

## INSURANCES

Canton	205 b.
Union	440 b.
China Underwriter	1 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire	185 n.

## SHIPPING

Douglases	72 b.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China S.S.	100 b.
Indo-China S.S.	80 b.
Shell (Bearers) s/- ex div.	77 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.

## DUCKS ETC.

Wharves	102 sa.
Docks	22.00 sa.
Providents	4.80 s.
New Eng. Sh.	19.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	240 n.

## MINING

Kallian s/-	10/- n.
Raub's	10.10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 1/2 n.

## LANDS

Hotels	5,900/95 sa.
Lands	33 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Deb.	100 n.
Shui Lands Sh.	15 1/2 n.
Humphreys	8.00 n.
H.K. Realities	4.40 n.
Chinese Estates	101 n.

## UTILITIES

Trams	17.50 b. & so.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	14 n.
Star Ferries	05 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	7.00/70 sa.
China Lights (new)	4.75 b.
H.K. Electric	50 s.
Macao Electric	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11.25 b.
Telephones (old)	25 sa.
Telephones (new)	9.40 b.
Traction s/-	18 1/2 n.
Traction (new)	18 n.

## STORES & COTTON MILLS

Cold Macg. (Ord.) Sh.	14.00 n.
Cold Macg. (Prof.) Sh.	13 n.
Canton Ice	17.05/18.00 sa.
Cement s/-	6.00/6.25 sa.

## DAIRY FARMS

Dairy Farms (old)	22.25 b.
Dairy Farms (new)	21 1/2 b.
Watsons	0.25 b.
Lane, Crawford's	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, L.	1 n.

## WING ON (H.K.)

Ewo Sh.	30.25 n.
Shui Cotton Sh.	150 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	44 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	48 1/2 n.

## MISC.

H.K. Entertainments	6 1/2 b.
Constructions (old)	1.75 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	3 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	49 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	07 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	15/- n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/- n.

## BERLIN-MOSCOW TRIAL FLIGHT

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The radio here announces that a Soviet passenger plane has left Moscow on the first trial flight in the new Moscow-Berlin air service.

It says that a German plane will make the flight on January 12 and that the regular service begins on January 21 via Minsk, Koenigsberg and Danzig.

## Hai Alai Shares Prove Popular

MANILA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The 400,000 pesos issue of the new Philippine Hai Alai Corporation, which is capitalised at 1,000,000 pesos, has been substantially over-subscribed.

Very keen demand for the issue came from Shanghai.

The list, however, remains open until 5 p.m. to-day.

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## GROUNDS OVERCROWDED

Mr. Prydo suggested that the Association write to the clubs concerned regarding over-crowding, requesting stronger action in future.

# Civil Servants Beat The Clock And The Kowloon Cricket Club

## AFTER TIFFEN

## ANOTHER WICKET

**C.S.C.C. BÁT**

## AFTER TEA

**AFTER TEA** things again progressed quietly. Hollidge was fortunate to be dropped off his pet cat at first thing. Otherwise he was playing very well. Richardson made a big on-

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Cpl. F. Cole	2	32	32	32	96
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	Scr.	29	34	32	95
Sub. A. A. Guard	1	31	32	31	94
Scr. G. E. Drense	2	31	30	30	91
S.L. A. C. Chan	2	31	30	21	82
Mr. A. Simpson	10	32	31	29	92
Mr. W. Trenchout	1	31	31	29	91
Mr. H. L. Langley	3	32	30	29	91
Q.M.S. J. Ball	Nil	29	30	30	90
Mr. H. J. S. Blake	Scr.	27	29	31	87

## OPEN SIGHTS

Mme. S. Croft 1	27	20	30	53
Mme. Jas. Feischer 0	27	23	20	84
Mrs. M. F. Rushman 7	26	28	20	85
Sgt. R. H. Hupp 1	27	27	27	86
Cpl. C. R. Remedio 1	26	29	27	87
1/Sgt. J. D. Remedios 8	27	30	30	7
Pte. R. A. Centro 10	22	28	24	71
1/Cpl. J. M. Xavier 7	23	25	20	74
Mr. H. S. Jones 11	27	27	15	60
V. R. J. Merrett 7	21	23	24	68
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira 12	21	24	15	64
V. V. Ferreira 6	22	23	18	65
Pte. R. M. R. Gulerrez 13	20	17	23	62
Pte. A. M. Xavier 14	23	21	23	63
Pte. R. S. Marmier 14	20	23	18	61

## Referees Asked To Exercise More Care

COMMENT on the number of men sent off the football field during the past week-end was made by the Rev. Hinchcliffe at the meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association yesterday. Though of the opinion that the actions of the referees must have been justifiable, he expressed the hope that the officials would, in future, exercise a little more care and think twice before taking such drastic steps.

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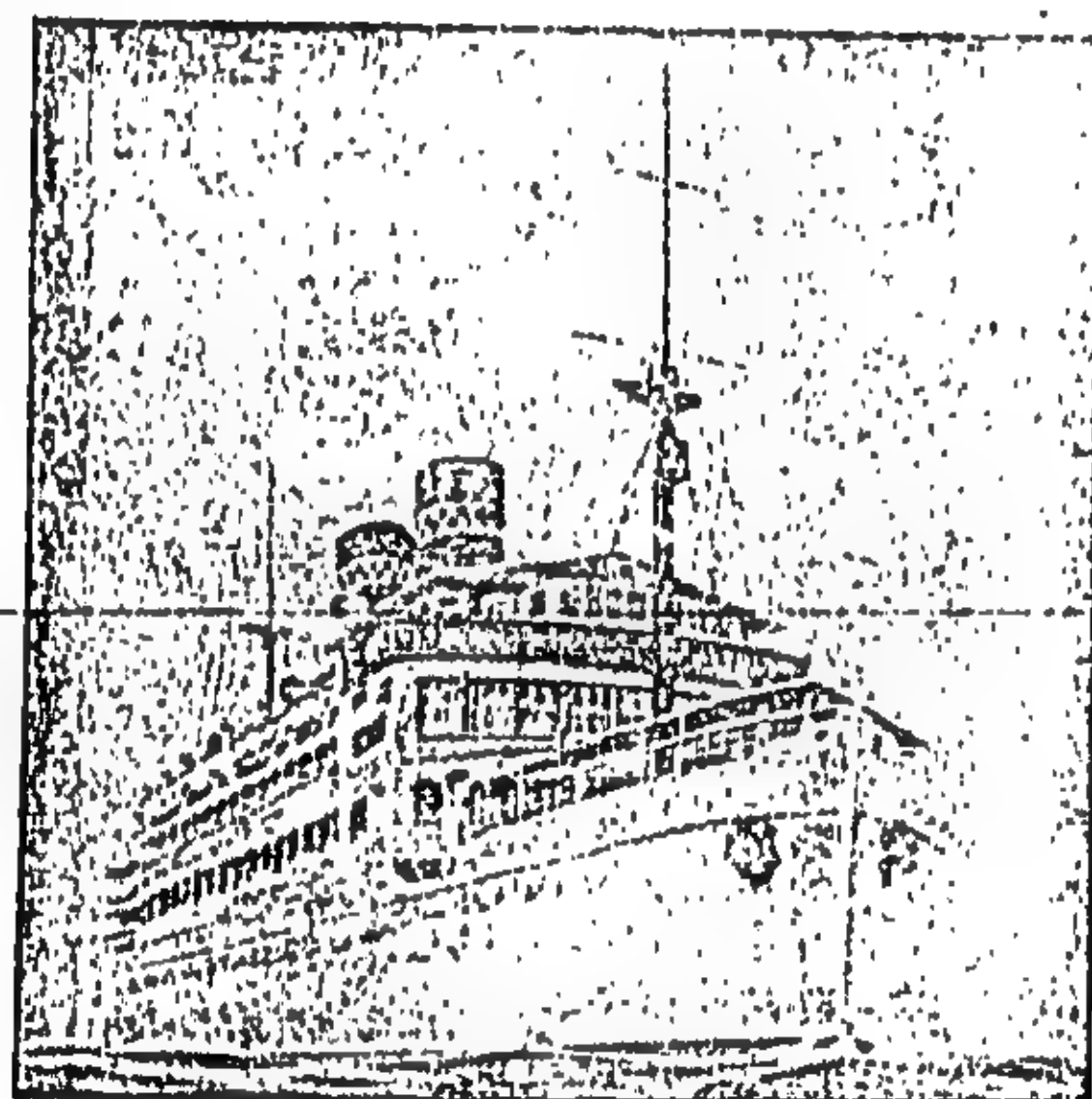
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1 This is a blouse to shade away the inches—both of height and breadth, of soft periwinkle blue chiffon—shirred over the bust and with a soft neckline.

2 Simplicity should be your aim if you are small and plump. A blouse like this silms you and gives length; of soft crepe patterned in blue, mist and rose.

3 This type of blouse eases down the height and gives you weight if you are tall and thin; of red and green plaid in thin wool, with a front panel and a silk scarf.

4 To round you out and give you importance. If you're what's usually called a "slip of a thing," choose a blouse like this; of mauve and white striped silk with squared shoulders, a yoke and neat collar.

FOR good all-round economy change, but these are the basic there's nothing to beat a types for you.

blouse: easy on the purse to begin with, time-saving to get into, cheap at the laundry. And they stand alone for picking up a tired suit.

But for all that they are not so easy to wear; because they end at the waist they cut your figure in half. If you are tall that's a good thing, but not many of us have mannequin figures. If you are on the plump side the average light blouse gives something of the effect of a skin on a sausage. If you are thin, "sloppy" is the word that rushes to the mind. But there is no need for these drawbacks. Learn the principles of the kind of blouse you should wear off by heart, and you will feel as comfortable in a blouse and skirt as you do in your dressing-gown. If you can't buy just the thing you want, a few home-alterations are worth while.

There are four types of women who think they were hard done by when measurements were handed out—the tall and well-built (she's a fine figure of a woman), type, the short and plump (a real motherly woman), the tall and bony, and the small and slight.

Look at the drawings on this page and you will know, for ever, the kind of blouse you want; minor fashion points will

NO. 1 shows the type "lump-post" or something similar for you if you are tall and generously curved. Pick out these points in every blouse you buy: Narrow V neck-line to slim your throat; plain thinness.

NO. 2 picks out the points for the short and stocky. In addition to looking thinner, your aim is to look taller, too. Look out for: like a schoolgirl in a blouse. Narrow V necks or narrow square necks; plain shoulders (exaggerated shoulder width makes you look stockier still); stripes are fine—to give you plain sleeves with, if possible, length in the bodice; but see pointed cuffs to make your arms that some of the stripes go the look longer; a vertical line of other way to broaden you too; buttons, embroidery or what squared shoulders to make you you will down the front to give look more important; high, but length; pointed waistcoat fronts not too severe, necks; some of to disguise your tummy and your throat should show; high-give a longer line. You, too, waisted blouses (have your should choose darkish colours in skirts cut high) to give you a thin fabrics, and a small broken long-legged look; fairly full pattern is a good idea.

NO. 3 is the one for you if you were ever called "lump-post" or something similar. You can go all out for plaid and cheeks and hold pat-blowse you buy: Narrow V neck-height up and disguise your line to flatten your front; slight vertical shirring to disguise the bust; plain, not-too-sleeves fitting tightly at the wrist (wide cuffs make wrists look thinner); sleeves fitted but not too tight; high necklines—Eton collars, turtle-necks, bows, and scarves; squared shoulders to "broaden" you up; panels or a fitted waist to make the top in thin materials; not for you half look bulky in contrast; husky woollens, fancy cloques fabrics with "body" that help to fill you out—jerseys and velvets and woollens.

NO. 4 shows pointers for the small, slight woman who finds it easy to look like a schoolgirl in a blouse. You want to look plumper and square necks; plain shoulders to gain height at the same time. Watch out for: Vertical lines—stripes are fine—to give you plain sleeves with, if possible, length in the bodice; but see pointed cuffs to make your arms that some of the stripes go the look longer; a vertical line of other way to broaden you too; buttons, embroidery or what squared shoulders to make you you will down the front to give look more important; high, but length; pointed waistcoat fronts not too severe, necks; some of to disguise your tummy and your throat should show; high-give a longer line. You, too, waisted blouses (have your should choose darkish colours in skirts cut high) to give you a thin fabrics, and a small broken long-legged look; fairly full pattern is a good idea.

### Useful Treacle

A taste for black treacle can be acquired, and it is worth while to acquire it, for treacle is wholesome and easily digested. It consequently gives heat and energy more quickly.

There are plenty of ways of using it, on porridge and plain suet puddings, in fruit puddings, ginger bread, panini, and other brown cakes. Treacle tart (so-called) is generally made with golden syrup, but real treacle tart is quite as delicious. Cook the pastry case separately, then fill it with warm treacle and sprinkle the top liberally with raisins or chopped dates.

Treacle mould is a novelty that children love. Blend three flat tablespoonsful of cornflour with a little out of five gills of milk. Bring the rest of the milk to the boil with five dessertspoonsful of black treacle, stirring frequently. Pour over the cornflour while still boiling, return the mixture to the pan and simmer for ten minutes, stirring all the time. Pour into a wetted mould and leave in a cool place to set.

Treacle biscuits take hardly any time to make, are economical nourishing and delicious. Rub two ounces of margarine into half a

### Spreads For Bread

BUTTER can be saved by using one of the following "spreads" in its place:—

Curd cheese, made by adding a dessert-spoonful of rennet to 1½ pint of milk brought to blood-heat. Leave in a warm place till milk turns. Put in muslin bag, tie up and hang over clean bowl for several hours, squeezing gently now and then. Add a little salt to the curds and form into pat. It should weigh a quarter of a pound. The whey can be used for mixing boiled puddings or pastry.

Chestnut butter, made by boiling a pound of chestnuts, rubbing them through a wire sieve and mixing in 2 ozs. of margarine or curd cheese and salt to taste.

Walnut butter, made by mixing ¼ lb. of milled walnuts into a gill of panada (white sauce made with double usual quantities of flour and margarine).

Brazil nuts, almonds and peanuts can be used in the same way.

W. B.  
pound of flour, stir in six ounces of milled treacle and mix well. Roll the paste out thinly, cut into biscuits and bake in a slow oven.  
W. B.

### Uses For Old Towels

TOWELS, like other household goods, do not last for ever. But you need not just cut them up for rags and dusters. There are many uses in the home for old and worn towels.

To repair towels which have begun to wear, darn the worn places with three-ply wool. The wool "felts" with washing and makes a mended which will hardly show and will last for months.

When your tea-towels are wearing thin do not discard them, but select two, place them on top of each other, and machine them together all round and crosswise. In this way you form one thick towel that will last a long time.

Have you an old towel which has become badly worn in the centre? If so, cut out a circle in the middle where it is worn-out and hem the edges all round. You will find this useful if placed over your head next time you shampoo your hair. With any old bits of towelling—or the good parts of worn ones—you can make practical cushions for your bathroom stool. Pad them with folds of badly worn



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towelling, and button them on with bands under the stool.

Old huckaback towels can be made into guest towels if cut across the middle and then hemstitched and embroidered at one end, while the best pieces of old Turkish towels can, when required, be made into bibs for young children. They can also be cut up as face squares.

Small strips of old towelling make excellent draught protectors; neatly tack these round the windows or doors and you will be freed from those icy blasts that sneak in through the cracks during winter.

### R. A. F. Commissions From Ranks

Conditions which will govern the commissioning of airmen from the ranks during the war were announced recently by the Air Ministry. They will obtain pending the issue of a more comprehensive order.

Apart from selections for permanent commissions, which were made before the war and will be carried into effect as soon as possible, all commissions granted to airmen during the war will be tenable for the duration of hostilities only.

Such commissions will be granted to airmen serving on normal regular engagements, and commissions in the R. A. F. Volunteer Reserve to airmen serving on other engagements.

After the war consideration will be given to special cases for the granting of permanent commissions.

Further instructions will be issued regarding the eligibility for commissions of pilots and observers enlisted in the ranks of the R. A. F. Volunteer Reserve.



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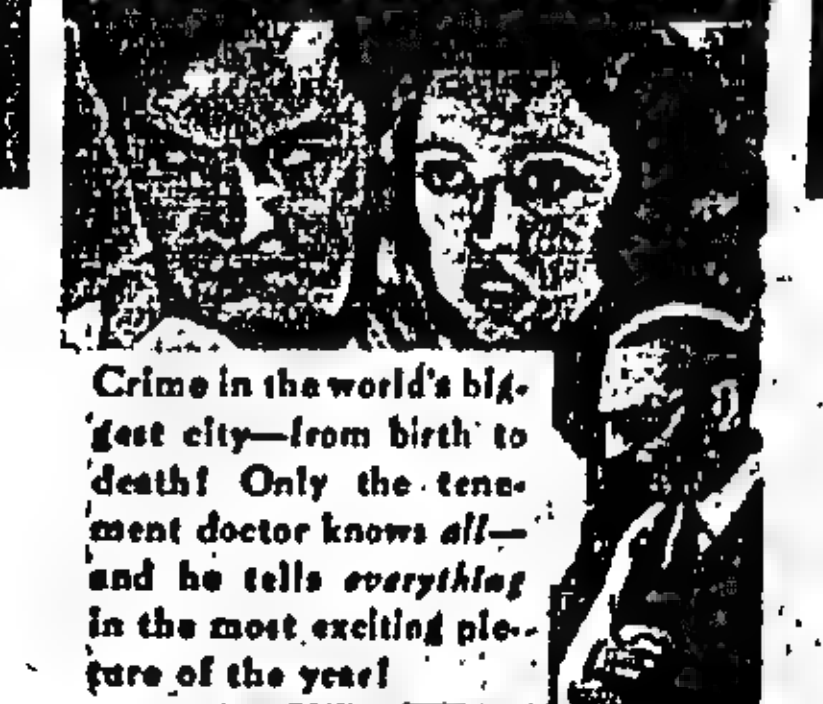
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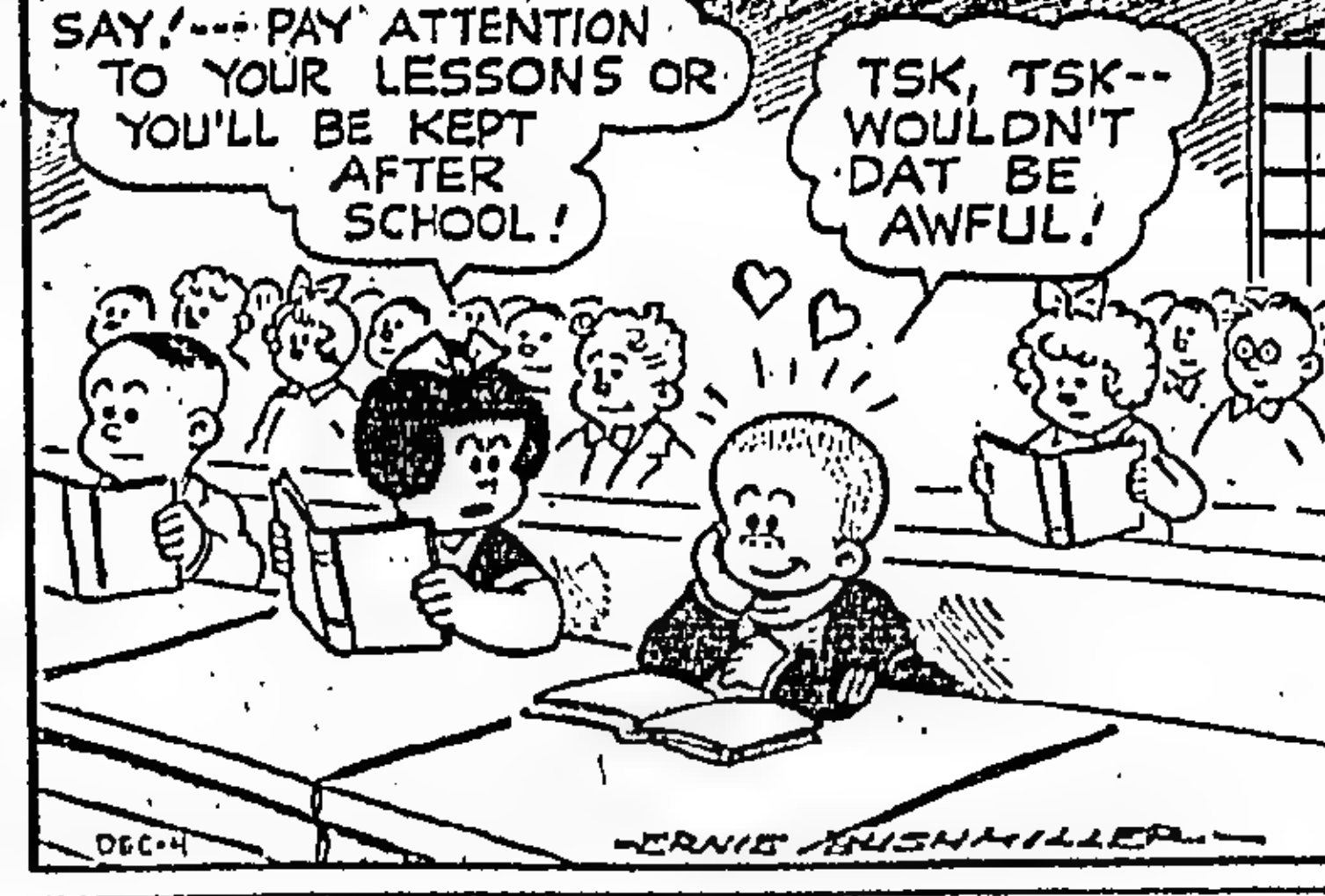
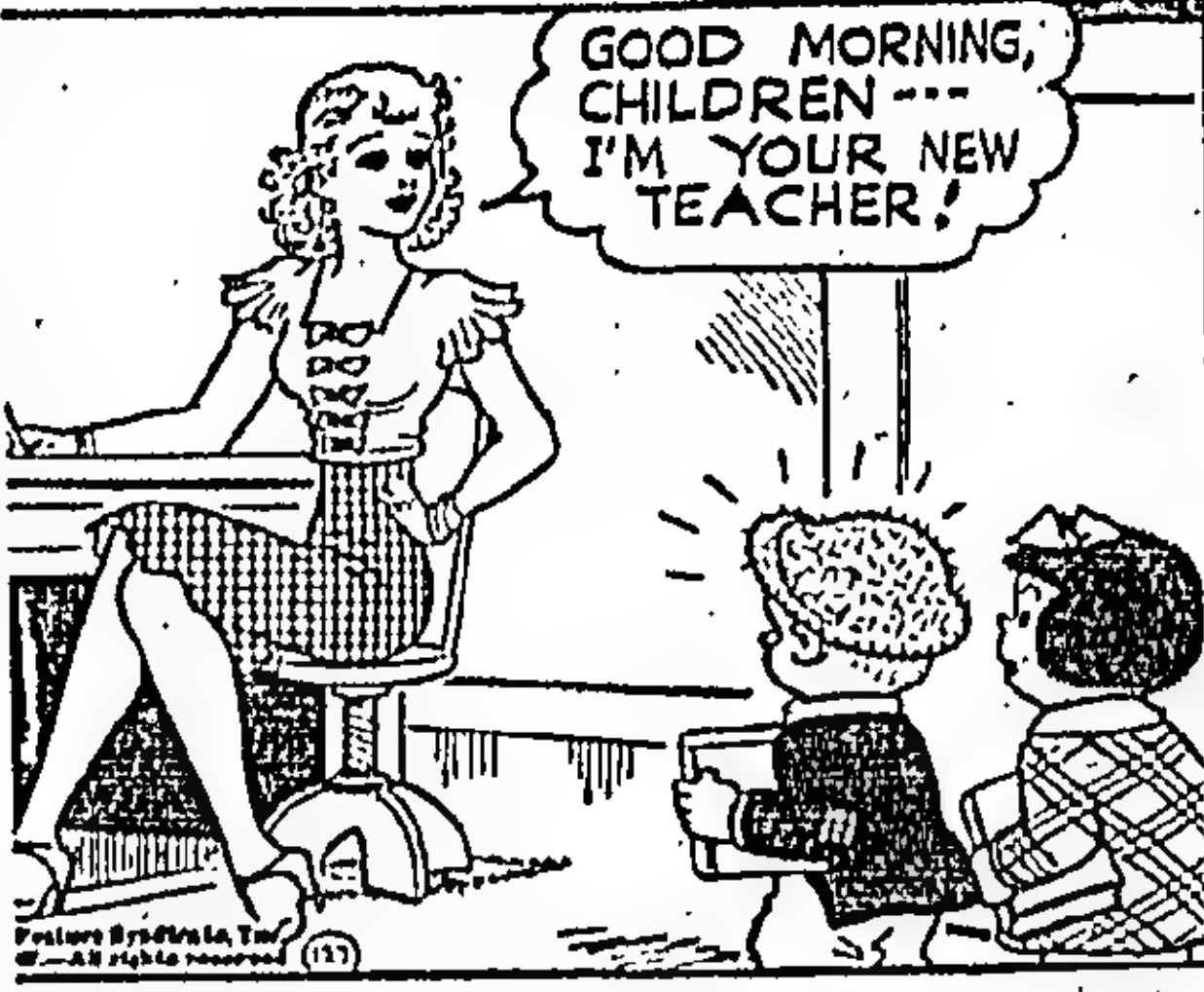


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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## C.S.C.C. Beat Kowloon C.C.

(By "R. Abbit")  
(Continued from Page 6.)

four, when he went round the wicket, in Lloyd's next over, however, he was bowled—it was a good off break, a bit quicker and completely beat the batsman. But for the weakness, I have mentioned he had played a very good, and most useful, knock for 32.

### ANDERSON BACK

AT 77, Anderson went on again for Daxler, who could not find a length, but Richardson completed his fifty and sent the hundred up with some strong shots to leg. In his second over Richardson hit him with the break for four, put one through the slips for the same number, was dropped at mid-wicket off a very difficult catch from a lifted shot that scored two, and was stumped next ball, 125-3-71. It was a fine innings, and it was unfortunate that he grew impatient as a little more restraint would have given the C.S. a much better chance of getting the runs. They wanted 80 runs in fifty minutes—quite possible with a set batsman going but not very likely otherwise, especially as they had a distinct tail.

### RUNS STILL COME

FERRY and Colledge took the score to 140 when the latter, hitting out at Anderson, was well caught pretty low down by extra cover running towards cover, 143-4-18. Perry then started hitting and pulled Anderson twice and Lloyd twice—the last four were very hard chances to long on. He then cut him beautifully for a couple, 173 up and 23 minutes to go. A run later McLellan over-drove Anderson and was nicely caught on the boundary 174-5-4. Perry continued to hit widely and not at everything, and drove Anderson over extra-cover's head, but in Lloyd's next over he was splendidly caught by Rappley running from deep mid-wicket, 181-6-39—a fine foreing innings.

THERE WERE only thirteen minutes left for play and the Civil seemed to have little chance except of losing the game if they tried to win it. Smith however, remained to be reckoned with. He picked Anderson behind first slip for a couple. He then seemed to be dropped very low down at extra, but it was so dark I will not vouch for it. Several angles followed. Next over Lawrence scrambled a single, and Smith hit a grand four to long leg, and cut a couple to third man. An off drive for two followed—nine to win! Off Anderson's next over, second ball, Lawrence swung at one on the leg side and it went up to slip—apparently off his glove. Atwell hit a single—Smith off drove a two. He then cut another and took a single to extra. Two to six, three to win. A single to Atwell, another to Smith and last over was called, with the game a tie. Off Lloyd's first ball Smith hooked a glorious four to square leg and the game was won! A splendid winning knock especially for a cricketer of his year—a grand game and a great match, bowled by Lloyd and Anderson. Baxter could not get going and would do better in spiked boots I think. The K.C.C. literally had no other bowling, and it was wonderful how Lloyd and Anderson stood up to it. And to think that these Civil Servants batsmen were the nuts who crawled out on Saturday. It beats me.

## Press On War Events General Staff Of Economics Is Demanded Mr. Hore-Belisha's Resignation

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha and the economic war are the two chief topics in to-day's British Press. Both the "Daily Herald" and the "Manchester Guardian" ask Mr. Chamberlain to lighten our darkness in connection with Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation. The "Daily Herald" says that if the resignation is purely for personal reasons, the Prime Minister will have to satisfy the nation that they could not have been composed in some other way. On the other hand, the "Times" takes a different view. There has not been one word of criticism by the Army of Mr. Hore-Belisha's reforms, it says, that a more natural explanation is that a series of minor differences not concerned with the war gradually brought the Prime Minister to a point, where he felt that a change would make smoother work in the department and in the Cabinet.

### Complacent Conduct

Both the "Manchester Guardian" and the "News Chronicle" are concerned over the too complacent conduct of the economic war. In Germany this question naturally has received most careful attention and in some quarters in Britain, amusement and satisfaction have been aroused at the state to which Germans are reduced.

An eminent authority, however, suggests that the Germans are actually, concerning less than they are producing.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that against such an army we too must show that we are capable of great sacrifices. Revolutionary changes needed. The ruler of Germany is the master of vast resources. All the energies of his nation have been bent to one task—that of creating military strength. The youth of Germany has been trained since the days of Sparta. Many in Britain do not realize that if we are to defeat Hitler we must be prepared for revolutionary changes and larger sacrifices, says the "Manchester Guardian".

The "News Chronicle" discusses the little attention paid by responsible Ministers to the question of conserving and using our resources. Field Marshal Goring, the new Nazi economic dictator, is now equipped with an economic general staff. Britain needs more readiness for trying out innovations and readiness for change and sacrifice. The journals would like to see an economic general staff for Britain.

## WESTERN FRONT

## Calm, Except Near Vosges

## French N.C.O. Wins Two Decorations

PARIS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, the calm on the Western Front was almost universal except west of the Vosges, where two Nazi patrols were repulsed after heavy hand-to-hand fighting.

Individual acts of courage received recognition in the official journal, in which are named 23 awards for gallantry. One N.C.O. gets both the Military Medal and the Croix-de-Guerre. His unit inflicted heavy losses on a German unit. The N.C.O. then led a counter-attack in which five prisoners were taken.

Berlin Reports Activity. BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency states that there has been more lively artillery fire and reconnaissance activity on both sides on the Western Front. It adds that enemy artillery bombarded the Perle and Upper Perle regions, and also the wide valley north-east of Ritzingen.

## STOCK EXCHANGE IS ACTIVE

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange market was initially hesitant owing to the recent political rumour, but the upward movement quickly resumed under the lead of gilt-edged securities, which closed higher on a further influx of buying orders. Indian Government bonds encountered a demand, while Eastern bonds were notably stronger. Wall Street was steady.

## Jewish Refugees Arrested

HAIFA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Over 500 Jewish refugees from Germany and other countries were arrested yesterday within territorial waters. A schooner with 160 aboard was towing another sailing vessel with 160 aboard.

## Goodbye, Mr Chips

# NEW MASTER

Mr. Chipping, known affectionately as "Chips" to the boys and Masters of Brookfield School, has been ordered by the doctor to stay at home, because of a cold—the first time he had missed the first Evening Assembly of a new school in 58 years. Chips disobeys, but finds himself locked out with a new boy, son of the Duke of Dorset. When Assembly is out the older boys gather affectionately about him. A new master, Jackson, escorts Chips back to his lodging where, seated before the hearth, Chips, now 83, sees himself as a new master coming to Brookfield 58 years earlier.

THE Brookfield Special waited at the Victoria Station, London, for its load of boys returning, or going for the first time, to that old institution of learning. Newsboys were shouting headlines from the late newspapers: "Special edition—French defeated at Sedan! Special—Emperor surrenders! Empress in flight! Special!"

Amid bustling porters, boys saying goodbye to relatives, stumbling over their bags, a harassed young schoolmaster, Bingham of Brookfield, was sorting the pupils into their seats in the train when a young, diffident man approached him.

"Are you Mr. Bingham?" he asked.  
"Yes."  
"I'm Chipping, the new master. Can I be of any assistance?"

"Not now—just finishing. Martin! Where's Martin!" Chipping yelled for Martin and that was all that he did to help Bingham. He was ill at ease, uncertain of himself—going to his first school as a master where he hoped to make a name for himself.



AMONG the new boys was one young fellow who, finding himself alone among a lot of strange boys, leaving home for the first time, sat looking out of the window trying hard to keep from crying. Chipping knew just how he felt—for he was feeling much the same himself. He lowered his newspaper and smiled. "Cheer up," he said with a faint smile.

That diffident encouragement was too much for the boy, and after a final struggle he burst into a flood of tears. Chips, appalled at the result of his attempt to cheer the youngster, continued: "I'm new, too! It's not easy to begin with."

The boy flung himself into the corner of the seat and gave vent to a new burst of tearful grief. Chipping made an uncertain gesture towards the boy, and became conscious of a sudden silence among the other boys, and looked furtively about.

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Chipping, standing looking out at the window, said in a burst of eager enthusiasm: "Just as I imagined it! It means everything to me to come to Brookfield. I suppose you felt the same way. I'll get on. I know I will. Headmaster of Brookfield—that's something worth working for."

"Done any teaching before?" asked Bingham, grinning at his back.

Before he could reply, a school porter knocked and told him that Dr. Weatherby, the Headmaster, would see him.

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From the novel by JAMES HILTON  
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School to-night. Well, good night, Mr. Chipping. Any time you need to see me... The pointers given by his fellow instructors did not serve to banish young Mr. Chipping's nervousness at first facing a class. "You must not let them rag you," said Masterston. "Take a quiet look around. for cheering the youngster, continued: 'I'm new, too! It's not easy to begin with.'"

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help. "Morgan, give it to me!" "Here it is!" "Don't tread on it, you silly fool!"

"Do you hear what I say?" demanded Chipping, his voice getting shriller. "Go back to your seats! Sit down! Give it to me!"

"I have it, sir!" shouted young Colley, holding it up. "It's a bit battered, sir!" He banged it violently across his knee, while the boys, speaking together, interrupting each other, cried:

"You must be more careful, sir!" "Do you lose your hat very often, sir?" "That's a silly question!" "Isn't it a silly question, sir?"

"Awfully dusty," said Colley, still banging the mortar-board. "I'll fix it, sir. Won't take a second, sir!" Colley ran to the blackboard, snatched up the chalk-permeated duster and rubbed the mortar-board vigorously, covering it with white streaks.

The new master snatched the hat. "What's your name?" "Colley, sir."

"Go back to your place, Colley. Go back, all of you!" "Yes, sir," chorused the boys and took their seats quietly.

"You will employ this time until six o'clock," said Chipping, "in writing an essay on the book you were given to read during the holidays. I understand this was King-ley's 'Westward Ho!' If you are in any difficulty, I shall be pleased to answer questions."

"Oh, thank you, sir!" chorused the hewerites.

Chipping surreptitiously felt the seat of his chair for pins before sinking into it. A hand was raised. "Well, what is it?"

"Is a pencil all right, sir?" "Of course not, you idiot!" said a neighbour.

"Who's an idiot?" demanded the first boy fiercely.

"You are, you idiot!" "Silence! Silence! I'll have no more of it!" cried Chipping. "No more silence, sir?" asked Colley amid general laughing. In a moment another hand was raised. "Who was Queen Elizabeth's husband, sir?" "She didn't have a husband. Surely you know what she was called?"

"No, sir. What, sir?" "The Vir—er—well, she was called—er—never mind."

"Oh, sir, please sir, please tell us, sir!" they begged.

"Go on with your work," ordered the new master.

Another hand went up. "Sir, who was Cadiz?" "Who was Cadiz?" repeated Chipping. "WHO was Cadiz? Cadiz is a town in Spain."

There was another outburst of comments from the boys. "Of course, you ass!" "Isn't he an ass, sir?" "Silly, fat ass!" "Don't listen to him, sir!" "I'll hit May I kick him, sir?"

"Quiet, please, quiet! I think we'll get on with our work."

"Yes, sir." "Let's, sir!"

THE climax came when a boy asked how to spell Armenia. A dozen different boys answered, each spelling it in a different way.

shouting down the others, drowning out Chipping's voice ordering silence. Then other boys began repeating his order for silence, making more noise than the others. Then Colley and another youngster pre-

tended to get into a fight, and soon missiles were hurtling back and forth.

"Boys, do you hear me? Sit down! Be quiet!" cried Chipping, as a piece of India rubber hit him on the cheek.

Colley stood up in his seat. "Who did that? I'll kill him for you, sir!" He aimed a pencil box. "We must protect the master! We must protect Mr. Chipping. We'll rally round you, sir! Trust us, sir!"

Into the continuing pandemonium struck Dr. Weatherby, a look of horror on his face.

"What is this? What is happening? Mr. Chipping!"

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather, Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Frances Day, Charlie Kunz, Warner and Darnell, and Others.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Beethoven—Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major, Op. 73 ("Emperor").

6.40 Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and Benjamin Glaz (Trom).

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7.00 London Relay—"The Old Man of the Sea."

A play from a short story by W. W. Jacobs.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and Orchestra Napolitain.

Napoli—Tarantelle (Mezzacapo); Chant De Sirene (Volpatti, Junior); Orchestre Napolitain; Dana La Fume (Doo); Parlez-Moi D'Amour (Lenoir); Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra; A. Franzoni (Costa); Souvenir De Pausilippe (Andolfi); Orchestre Napolitain.

8.23 Chabrier—Cotillon—Ballet Music.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

8.40 Studio—Recital by Victor Sanders (Baritone) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Sylvia (Oley Speaks); (b) Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Quilter); (c) O Mistress Mine (Quilter); (d) Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (Quilter); Victor Sanders (Baritone) 2. Piano Solo—Selected. (a) E. O'Neill Shaw; 3. (a) Tally Ho (Leon); (b) A Jolly Old Cavalier (Alfred Dix); (c) My Old Shako (Trotter).

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

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## SHANGHAI TRIAL

Briton To Face Murder Charge To-day

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

A Scottish Highlander, David Eckford, native of Kirkcaldy, Fife-shire, begins a fight for his life in the British Supreme Court to-morrow when he will face a jury on a charge of murdering Lance-Cpl. James Davis, also of the Scots, on November 4.

This will be the first murder trial of a British subject in Shanghai since the case of the Indian, Atma Singh, three years ago. Atma Singh was sentenced to death for killing a fellow Indian, but he was dramatically saved from the gallows when the rope broke while he was being hung in Ward Road Gaol. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment by the then Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, and now Atma Singh is serving his term of imprisonment at Mooltan, India.

Private Eckford reserved his defence when he was committed for trial at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing in the British Police Court early in December when an eyewitness description of the shooting was given by another Highlander, Private Stirling.

Private Stirling said that on the evening of November 4 he was on duty at a sentry post on the border of the International Settlement where Japanese-occupied territory adjoins the sector manned by British troops. Lance-Cpl. Davis was in charge of the post which included Eckford. While on beat he noticed Eckford with a rifle levelled at Davis. About four and a half yards separated the two men. Eckford said, "I am going to shoot you." He pulled the trigger and the rifle went off. Eckford immediately handed the rifle to witness and said, "I am ready for the Sergeant, now." The rifle went off and Davis fell backward. Later a duty truck arrived with a patrol under the charge of Sergeant McDonald. Eckford said, "He is dead, Sergeant. I shot him."—Reuter.

## For French Lines

London, Jan. 7.

Ten thousand goods wagons, and 240 locomotives, costing £8,000,000, are being built in Britain for use of those sections of the French railways operated by the British army. About £1,750,000 worth of railroad and dockside equipment has also been ordered.

The huge order will not prevent British engineers from continuing to build for overseas customers and deliveries are being guaranteed.

Among noteworthy deliveries of British-built locomotives to overseas during 1939 were six of the world's largest metro-gauge locomotives for the Kenya and Uganda Railways, making possible a journey from Nairobi to Kampala, Victoria Nyanza, and back—1,100 miles without changing engines, and a specially built Diesel locomotive for a Peruvian corporation to run on the World's highest railway line near La Paz, Bolivia, which includes a six-mile climb with a gradient of one in fourteen.

Turkish railways have ordered 58 locomotives from Britain for use in Asia Minor, and large consignments of rolling stock have been ordered by Egypt and the Union of South Africa.—British Wireless.

## Polish Conditions

Paris, Jan. 8.

Reports from the Polish Press declare there is much unrest both in territories under German and Russian control.

In Eastern Poland, which is occupied by the Soviet, conditions are deteriorating rapidly and a strike is almost at a standstill owing to lack of supplies, while requisitioning is resulting in a big rise in the cost of living.

The farmers prefer to barter their products than to accept cash.

Soviet propaganda is so fantastic that the Poles accept it as a joke.—Reuter Bulletin.

## WEEK OF PRAYER

Opening Service Attended By Many People

The first day of the Universal Week of Prayer was attended by over 70 persons at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, when the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal delivered a homily on "Thanksgiving, Confession and Intercession."

The Cathedral was open for private prayer and meditation before and after the service, which lasted for about half an hour.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Hong-kong will be taking to-day's service which will commence at 8.30 p.m. He will take as his text: "The Increasing Church."

## French Premier Breaks Ankle

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It has been officially announced that the French Prime Minister, M. Edouard Daladier, broke his ankle in an accident on Sunday.

The announcement said that the X-ray examination disclosed that the fractured joint has been "satisfactorily restored to its correct position."

M. Daladier resumed his duties at the War Office to-day.

## BRITISH C.-IN-C. DECORATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced that General Marie Gamella and Major General Georges lunched with Mr. Winston Churchill as guests of General Viscount Gort at the British Headquarters.

General Sir Edmund Ironside was also present.

During the luncheon, General Gamella decorated Viscount Gort and General Ironside with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

Detachments of the Welsh Guards and French Zouaves formed a guard of honour.

## TRADE PARLEYS BREAK DOWN

U.S. And Argentine Abandoned Scheme

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).

It is officially announced that the United States and the Argentine have agreed to abandon completely negotiations for a trade treaty.

These negotiations broke down last week. The State Department ascribes the failure of the negotiations to the impossibility of reaching an agreement on the subject of customs quotas for typical Argentinian exports such as linseed and tinned beef.

## U.S. Consul's New Appointment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day nominated Mr. Clarence Gauss, United States Consul-General in Shanghai, as the first United States Minister to Australia.

A "Reuter" report confirms this appointment.

## Eire May Have New Government

DUBLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Dr. Hyde, President of Eire, has nominated six additional members to sit on the Council of State. They mostly belong to the Cosgrave Party.

It is seen in these nominations an indication of closer political co-operation between the Government and the Opposition parties, and some quarters even suggest that it may foreshadow a national government with the object of overcoming the present difficulties.

## TURKISH 'QUAKE RELIEF' GIFT

LAHORE, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A sum of £1,500 has been collected at a public meeting in Lahore for Turkish earthquake victims. A message of sympathy will be sent from the people of Lahore.

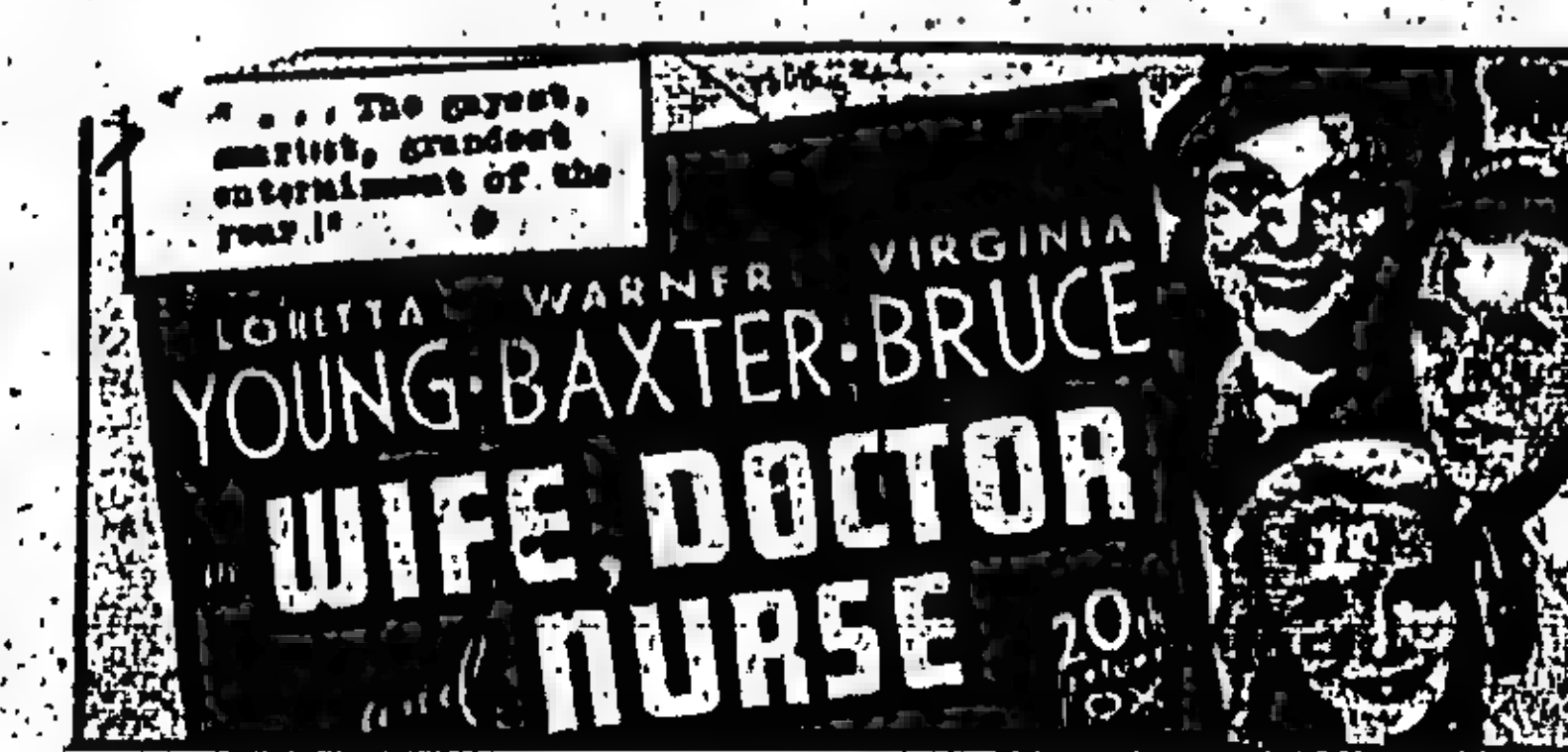
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## HAPPY REUNION

Schoolboy Flies From Southampton

There was a joyful reunion between son and parents at the Kai Tak Airport yesterday afternoon when the Imperial plane Delta arrived.

It was the meeting of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clemo and their 18 year-old son Fred, who flew from Southampton by Imperial Airways. He had been attending Bedford College, having left Hongkong five years ago.

Also on board were Mrs. L. M. P. Wood and her two tiny daughters who also boarded the plane at Southampton.

There was quite a gathering of friends at the Airport to give the four returning Hongkong folk a great welcome. Young Clemo was full of smiles, excited and tremendously happy as he alighted from the Delta and waved heartily to the gathering. The parents waited impatiently until Customs formalities were over, and then there was a happy meeting.

Young Clemo has the distinction of being the first schoolboy to make the air trip from England to Hongkong. He said he enjoyed every minute of it—except for a spell in Asia Minor when they had a rough passage. Otherwise the trip was uneventful and the weather delightful.

Mrs. Wood's two little girls were also very happy all the way and, according to the mother, "they had a swell time."

The Delta brought 202 kilos of mail.

## Gandhi's Admonition

Bombay, Jan. 8.

Gandhi, in his paper Harijan, declares that the Congress organisation shows signs of disintegration.

He continues, "The Bengal Committee is frankly defiant; Orissa is split into two camps; things are not better in Karnataka, while a correspondent in Kerala says that the Provincial Committee does not believe in the present policy... and the command is trying by every means to undermine the influence of the Working Committee. Things are not so rosy in the Punjab."

He continues, "I cherish the hope that they will right themselves; if not, I cannot lead an undisciplined army to victory. The fresh elections are now on. The Congressmen's choice is unfettered. Let the younger men come forward and take charge. If they will not, but still retain the old team, they should give implicit obedience."

Gandhi's criticism of Bengal, which is an elaborate and lengthy statement issued by Prasad, is interpreted in political circles as once more a clear indication of the Mahatma's anxiety to avoid precipitate action in connection with the present political situation and the Congress majority's determination to keep left wing elements in order.—Reuter.

## MISSION ATTACKED

Chinese Raid Reported On Italian Catholic Church

New York, Jan. 8.

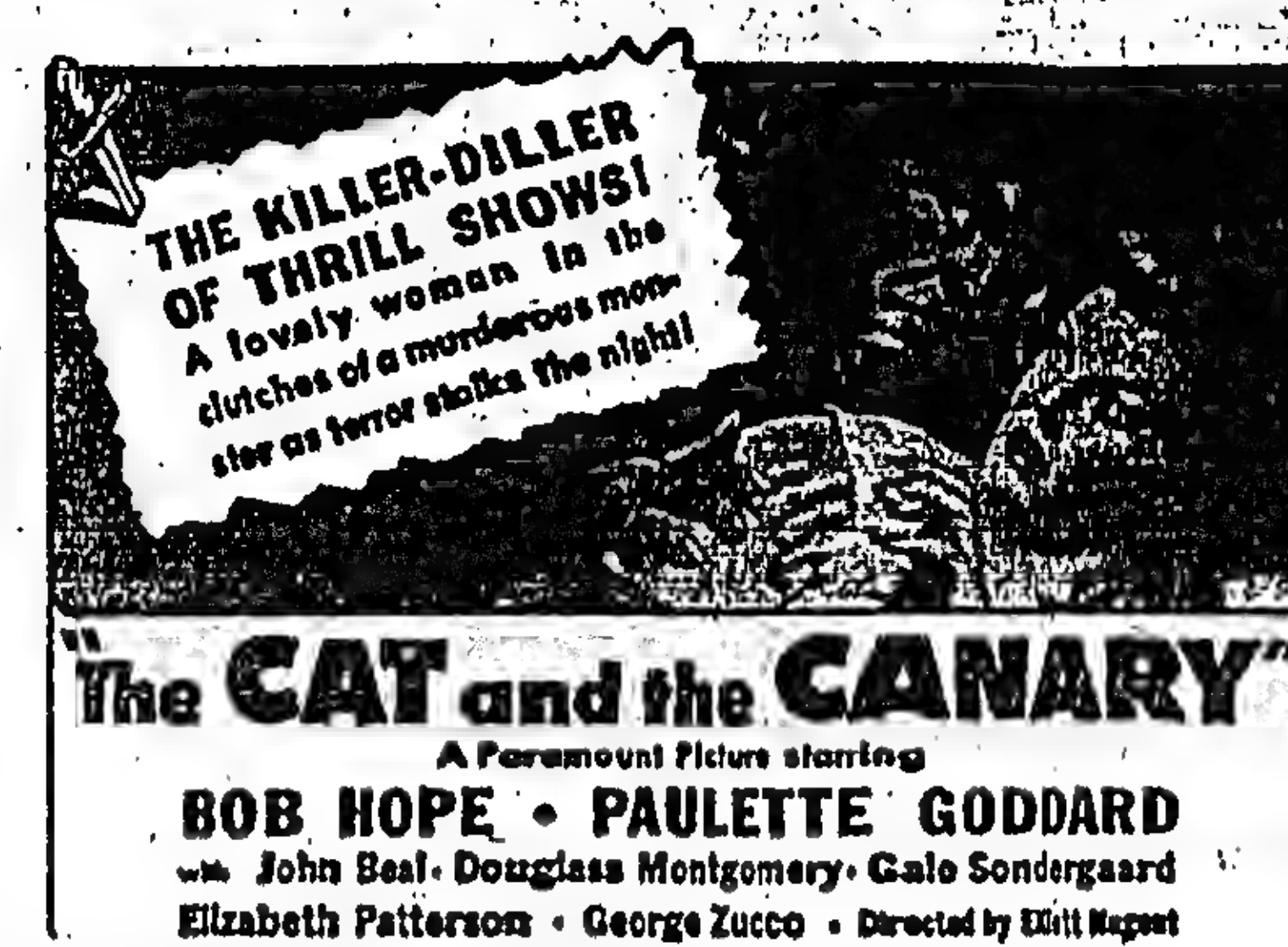
A German wireless message from Rome reports that the Italian Catholic Mission in Hanchung, Szechuan, was attacked by 25 Chinese bombers and partly destroyed, according to a report from the Papal Institute for Foreign Missions in Milan.

The Chinese bombs hit the girls' school, invalids' home and church. Three aged Chinese who had taken refuge in the church were killed. The same Mission was bombed on October 25 last year by 35 Chinese planes when 100 were killed.—United Press.

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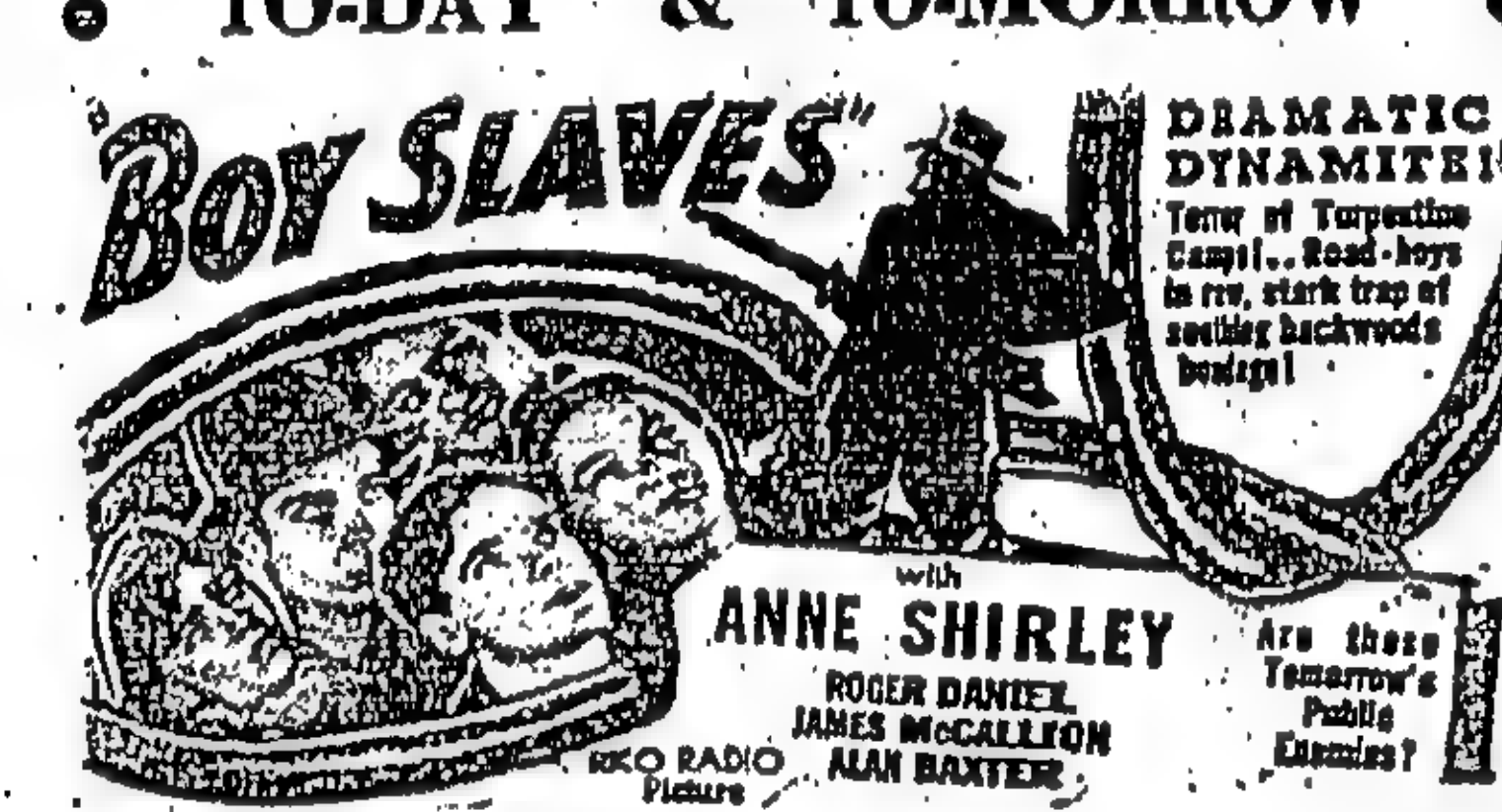


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INDISCREET REMARK

Japan Confident Envoy's Words Misreported  
Shanghai, Jan. 8.

A Japanese Embassy spokesman disclosed to-day that the Japanese authorities had requested the French officials to investigate the accuracy of the report that the French Ambassador, M. Henri Combe, in a recent speech at Chungking, said China and France were in the same position, fighting an aggressor. The spokesman said the Japanese are confident that the Ambassador of a neutral State would not make such a statement; but if it were made it would be noted with profound regret.—United Press.

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## Abe Government Believed on Verge of Resignation JAPANESE CABINET TOTTERING TO DOOM

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## 35,000-ton Ships for Hongkong

### New Political Crisis Arises In Tokyo As Militarists Present Their "Decision"

TOKYO, JAN. 9 (UP).—THE SHORT-LIVED ABE CABINET IS BELIEVED TO BE TOTTERING TO ITS DOOM.

THE CABINET IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

The crisis has arisen over internal affairs.

It is thought possible that a political Cabinet will be formed in an attempt to achieve a compromise between the various parties and the military clique.

Premier Sees War Minister

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Domei).—The Premier, General Abe, has been informed of the Army's views on the current political situation by the War Minister, General Hata.

General Abe subsequently saw the Minister to discuss the situation further.

General Hata is believed to have re-affirmed the Army's united views, and has asked the Premier to use "discretion" in coping with the situation.

Japanese Army Won't Leave

BEIJING, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The status of the North China regime would be the same even after the formation of the proposed Central regime, declared the Japanese Army spokesman here yesterday.

This spokesman added that the North China army was convinced that they must aid the formation of the new regime.

There is no possibility of the withdrawal of the Japanese Army from China, at least for the time being, the spokesman added.

There will be a special status provided for Mongolia and North China under the projected government.

### World In Bad Shape

Says Roosevelt To Party Colleagues

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The people of the United States recognize two facts to-day. The first is that the world outside our hemisphere is really in bad shape. The second is that the United States is in a position to help.

"This is not a matter for pessimism or optimism but a matter for realism. It is a fact so big that few people have grasped the meaning—it is so big in its effect on the future of the world that all our little partisan squabbles are shameful in the light of it."

"The second fact is that we have made great gains at home in our economic prosperity and in the security of individual citizens."

Pro-Totalitarian Envoy Retired

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Domei).—The cleavage between Germany and Japan as a result of the signing of the Russo-German Pact is further emphasized by the "retirement" of Mr. T. Shiratori, outgoing Japanese Ambassador to Italy.

Mr. Shiratori has been relieved of his post and has been placed on the "waiting list."

During his tenure of office Mr. Shiratori co-operated with General Chiang, former Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, in connection with the proposals for the conclusion of a military alliance between Japan, Italy and Germany.

### BOYCOTT URGED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (UP).

—Democratic and peace-loving nations were urged to-day to institute a boycott of Japan as a means of accelerating the breakdown of the Japanese military machine in China.

The appeal was made by Mr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador to Washington.

An effective embargo on the export of war materials to Japan would, he declared, quickly end the war.

Mr. Hu said that the Chinese people would fight until Japan was so economically exhausted and her military machine so bogged down that she would be willing to accept a durable peace.

### EFFECT OF WAR ON HONGKONG

Hard To Predict Says  
H.E. The Governor

"THE probable effect on the Colony of the European conflict is at present very hard to predict."

This statement was made by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, in a Christmas message to the "Crown Colonist," published in London.

"Though far removed from the scene of war, we recognize that it is our duty to do everything in our power to aid the King against his enemy and to take our share of the burden which the British and French peoples are bearing in the cause of liberty and peace," Sir Geoffrey adds.

At the same time, his message says, the responsibilities of this Colony towards its own people and the people of the neighbouring territory have not been forgotten.

The provision of 14 infant welfare centres in Hongkong, Kowloon and the New Territories has been taken in hand, and a new industrial school has recently been opened in the New Territories. Chinese war refugees to the number of 9,818 and 746 interned Chinese soldiers, are being accommodated in seven camps in Hongkong and the New Territories. In addition, an arrangement has been made whereby the students of Lingnam University, Canton, can continue their studies at Hongkong University under their own professors and lecturers, and it is proposed to re-establish the Lingnam University Middle School on a site in the New Territories.

Confident Of Future

In 1914-1918 there was a great increase of prosperity due to the peaceful conditions of China, and the purchasing power of the Hongkong dollar was enhanced by the rise in the price of silver on which it was then based. These two factors are absent to-day, but in view of the remarkable resiliency displayed by the Colony during the very difficult two years just completed I am confident that the economic structure of the Colony will adapt itself to the present changed conditions.

### JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS

More Concessions  
To Puppets

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (UP).—Japan,

according to authoritative sources, has now modified its stand against Wang Ching-wei's demands.

The Government, it is stated, is now willing to pledge that all Japanese troops will be withdrawn from South and Central China within two years of the signing of peace.

This point previously blocked all negotiations between the Japanese and Wang Ching-wei.

The basis upon which Japan is now prepared to end hostilities in China is believed to be as follows:

- 1.—Nationalization of all railways in China;
- 2.—Retention of Japanese troops in North China and Inner Mongolia;
- 3.—Recognition by China of the "independence" of Manchukuo;
- 4.—Anti-Communist alliance between Japan, China and Manchukuo;
- 5.—Joint economic development and exploitation of China's natural resources.

New Puppet Regime

It is believed that Wang Ching-wei has blocked Japan's proposal for a special sphere of influence in Shanghai, Hongchow and Nanking.

Wang Ching-wei is expected to confer with puppet leaders in Nanking and Peiping on January 15, and it is stated that a puppet Kuomintang Government will be established immediately afterwards, in order to enter peace negotiations with Japan.

Premier Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Domei).—Premier

Abe was received in audience by the Emperor in the Imperial Palace at 1 p.m.

The Premier submitted a report to the Throne on yesterday's Cabinet decision regarding the proposed new "Central Government" of China.

### U.S. Consul's New Appointment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day nominated

Mr. Clarence Gauss, United States Consul-General in Shanghai, as the first United States Minister to Australia.

A "Reuter" report confirms this appointment.

"A Great Honour"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (UP).—"I

consider it an honour to be appointed first U.S. Minister to Canberra, a country in which I have always had a great interest as one of the great Democratic members of the British Commonwealth," said Mr. Gauss, when informed of his appointment this morning.

"I look forward to this opportunity of forging still stronger those bonds of friendship already existing between the peoples of the United States and Australia."



A recent photograph of General Abe and members of his Cabinet.

### THE BBC TELLS A JOKE!

THE B.B.C. IS BECOMING KITTENISH!

This is the joke Daventry broadcast at the end of the 7.15 p.m. News Bulletin last night.

It concerns an advertisement appearing in London's newspapers.

The lady cat and her kitten are sitting in front of a bright coal fire.

"Mummy," asks the kitten, "does Hitler use Coal?"

"Good heavens, no," replied the mummy-cat. "Why do you ask?"

"Well, they say that you can get more scuttles to the tin with Coal!"

### ARGYLE ST. RIOTING

Soldier — Internees  
Battle With Police

CONSIDERABLE RETICENCE is being maintained by the police regarding a riot which occurred in the new internment camp for Chinese soldiers in Argyle Street, yesterday afternoon.

Although official circles will give no information, the "Telegraph" understands that, as a result of the riots, two Indian police officers and several Chinese internees are in Kowloon hospital, suffering from injuries.

It is stated that the disturbance became so general that the emergency unit had to be called out to quell it. The "Telegraph" understands that the disturbance occurred when a European officer attempted to arrest an internee who was guilty of an infraction of the camp rules.

The European was mobbed by a number of the internees and was able to extricate himself from a dangerous position only by drawing his revolver and summoning the guard.

In the general melee that followed, internees used their bed boards as weapons and the disorders ended only after the guards and extra police had made several baton charges.

It is understood that several alleged hooligans were arrested last night after "lights out."

The internees, who number over 700 and who were interned when they laid down their arms in British territory in 1937, were only recently re-interred in the more commodious internment camp in Argyle Street from the Matakook Camp.

Sequel In Court

Although police officials, when interviewed by the "Telegraph" this morning, refused to admit that the rioting in the Argyle Street camp was anything more than a slight disturbance, and would vouchsafe no further information, it was admitted in Court later that the rioting, as

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### Churchill Named As New Premier

## CHAMBERLAIN TO QUIT OFFICE?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, JAN. 8 (DOMEI).—POLITICAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE CHAMBERLAIN CABINET WILL FACE A CRISIS WHEN PARLIAMENT RE-CONVENES ON MONDAY NEXT WEEK.

Public criticism of the "dismissal" of Mr. Horre-Bellsha, the Minister for War, is becoming increasingly bitter.

Some political circles believe that Mr. Chamberlain will resign, and will be succeeded by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill.

These circles state that if Mr. Chamberlain resigns, Mr. Churchill will inaugurate an Imperial Defence Ministry in which the Navy, Army and Air Force will be co-ordinated.

Mr. Chamberlain formed his Cabinet on May 28, 1937, following the retirement of Lord Baldwin.

Mr. Winston Churchill was appointed First Lord of the Admiralty on September 3.

Horre-Bellsha Resignation

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Discussing Mr. Horre-Bellsha's resignation, the "Evening Standard" bluntly charges that it came about as a result of his rebuke of a senior officer.

This aroused resentment among the higher ranks as the junior ranks knew about it.

Also, says "Evening Standard," Mr. Horre-Bellsha had differences of opinion with General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, over the state of the defence in the British lines in France.

### TWO SOLDIERS DETAINED

Sequel To Waterloo Road Incident

Pte. Paul Riley, and Pte. E. Stewart, of the "A" Company, Royal Scots, have been detained by the Military Police, following the incident at the residence of Mr. F. B. Wilson at No. 143 Waterloo Road on Sunday morning.

The two soldiers were alleged to have been found in one of the bedrooms, and after they had been turned out two watches were found missing.

PARIS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Seven soldiers were killed and 19 were injured in a train accident near Orléans on Saturday. The soldiers were going home on leave.

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### LATEST

### \$21,000,000 Spent On Relief

CHUNGKING, Jan. 9 (Central).—The National Relief Commission spent \$21,000,000 for refugee relief during 1939, according to Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the Commission. A large part of the money was spent on labour relief projects.

The prolongation of the war has changed the activities of the Commission from urgent to productive relief.

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Further Late News

### BIG BRITISH LINER FIGHTS OFF U-BOAT

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 9, (Reuter).—The British liner Highland Patriot (14,000-tons), which arrived at Rio on January 6, has reported that she was attacked by a U-Boat during her voyage across the Atlantic.

Three torpedoes were fired by the Nazi submarine—all missed their target.

The U-Boat then came to the surface and fired repeatedly at the Highland Patriot.

The British ship returned the fire and a running battle, which lasted over two hours, ensued.

The submarine finally gave up the fight.

One Portuguese passenger aboard the British liner was killed by a shell splinter.

Evades Two Torpedoes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Royal Mail liner, Highland Patriot, 14,000 tons, has arrived here safely after a running fight with a U-boat.

The ship was attacked by the submarine, which fired two torpedoes. Both missed.

The ship's guns were promptly manned and the gunners continued firing when conditions permitted for some two hours.

British Ship Mined

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 9 (UP).—The British steamer Cedricton Court, 5,100 tons, sank in ten minutes after an explosion occurred off the southeast coast last Sunday. The entire crew of 34 were saved.

One deckboy was blown 20 feet into the air, fracturing a leg. He was taken to hospital.

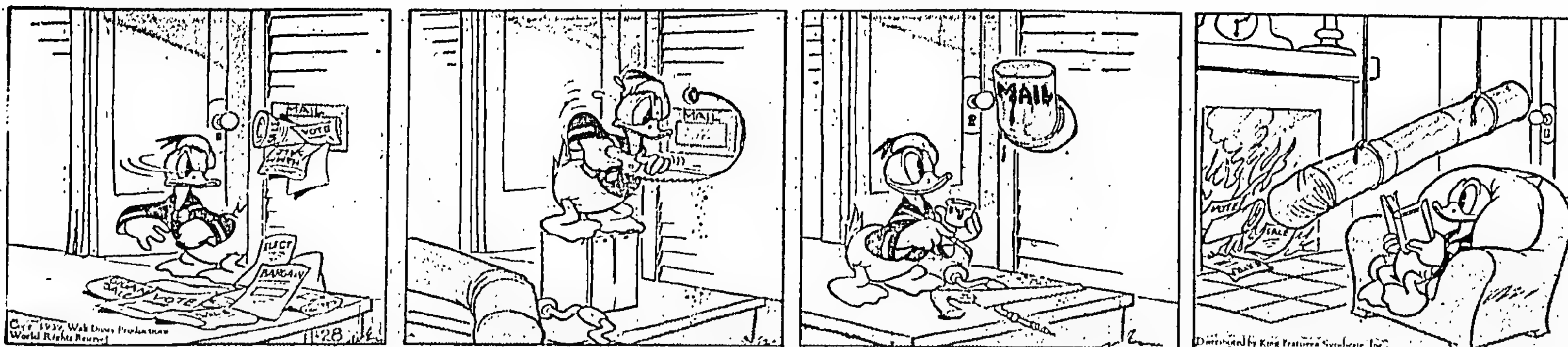






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## THESE ARE THE SONGS THEY ARE SINGING AT HOME

Novelty dance numbers, which considerably enlivened last year's Christmas and New Year festivities, and swing music, say Hongkong bandleaders, will be the vogue this season.

Of the novelty dance numbers, bandleaders select the Boomp-a-Daisy and that old favourite, the Palau Glide.

Already a popular item in many places, the Boomp-a-Daisy has not yet become a "hit" at the cabarets, although the dance was introduced to Hongkong some time ago by Dave Harvey, the popular entertainer at the "Grippe" who is now in Manila.

Cabaret managements, however, have optimistic views that the number will be popularised before the festivities begin.

An old war-time favourite, the Valse, will come into prominence this year, according to a bandleader's predictions. It has already gained popularity in the past few weeks.

The latest song hit of the present war, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," will take its place beside songs of the last war, such as "Tipperary," and "Pack Up Your Troubles."

Many people have already become acquainted with the words of "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," for the verses are "boarded" every time the tune is played at the Hongkong Hotel.

Another very popular tune of the present war which has already been heard in Hongkong on the radio, "Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," is expected to be popularised in Hongkong by the New Year.

Two other tunes now popular in Great Britain, "Run, Rabbit, Run," and "Nasty Uncle Adolf," are expected to become favourites in Hongkong shortly.

Words to the novelty number tune, the Boomp-a-Daisy, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line,"

and Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye, are:

### The Boomp-a-Daisy

Clap hands, slap knees and boomp-a-daisy,  
I like a bustle that bends,  
Clap hands, slap knees and boomp-a-daisy,  
What is a boomp between friends?  
Clap hands, now don't be lazy,  
Let's make the party a wow,  
Now then, clap hands, slap knees and boomp-a-daisy,  
Turn to your partner and bow,  
Bow-wow, bow, bow-wow.

### Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line

Mother dear I'm writing you from  
Somewhere in France,  
Hoping this finds you well,  
Sergeant says I'm doing fine,  
A soldier and a half,  
Here's a song that we'll all sing,  
I'll make you laugh.  
Chorus:  
We're gonna hang out the washing  
on the Siegfried Line,  
Have you any dirty washing  
mother dear?  
We're gonna hang out the washing  
on the Siegfried Line,  
Cos the washing day is here,  
Whether the weather may be wet  
or fine,  
We'll just rub along without a care,  
We're gonna hang out the washing  
on the Siegfried Line.  
If the Siegfried Line's still there.

### Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye

Wish me luck as you wave me  
goodbye,  
Chorus here I go on my way,  
Wish me luck as you wave me  
goodbye,  
With a cheer, not a tear, make it  
gay,  
Give me a smile I can keep all the  
while.  
In my heart while I'm away,  
Till we meet once again you and I,  
Wish me luck as you wave me  
goodbye.

## Illegal Immigrants Authorities Issue New Warning

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—Reports have reached London that certain shipping agencies are engaged in organised transport of emigrants to Palestine.

There is reason to believe that intending emigrants are unaware that they will not be admitted into Palestine unless possessed of immigrant certificates issued by the Palestine Department of Migration and that if they arrive in Palestine without these certificates, they are liable to serious penalties and deportation under Palestine law.

### Unseaworthy Ships

Ships on which immigrants travel at great expense to themselves are, it is alleged, small insubstantial and unseaworthy. The Captains and crews also are apparently unaware that by carrying passengers not legally entitled to land in Palestine they themselves are liable to arrest and heavy fines.

There is a report that the Second Officer of the Turkish steamer, Sakarya, now at Sula, has resigned his post because he engaged in this traffic and has discovered the penalties to which he would be liable.

It is also reported that conditions on the Sakarya are very bad. There is no heating and there have been several cases of pneumonia amongst the complement.

## BERLIN-MOSCOW TRIAL FLIGHT

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The radio here announces that a Soviet passenger plane has left Moscow on the first trial flight in the new Moscow-Berlin air service.

It says that a German plane will make the flight on January 12 and that the regular service begins on January 21 via Minsk, Koenigsberg and Danzig.

## New Pact Aimed At Preventing Expansion Of European War To Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 8. (UP)—It is reported by very reliable sources that Count Czaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, have concluded a defensive military alliance.

The alliance is "intended to protect and maintain peace in the Balkan and south-eastern Europe."

It is expected that the alliance will be officially announced after Count Ciano has reported to Signor Mussolini. This will be done to-morrow.

The alliance provides that Hungary will pursue its revisionist aims against its neighbours by peaceful means.

Count Czaky left Rome for Budapest at 6.05 p.m.

Immediately after his departure, Count Ciano conferred with Il Duce.

Signor Gayda, commenting on the Venice talks in the "Giornale d'Italia," said today that Italy and Hungary were both determined to prevent the expansion of the war to the Balkan States and the Mediterranean Sea.

He warned that Hungary's desire to limit the conflict should not cause interested Powers to refuse to try to reach a reasonable solution of Hungary's revisionist problems.

In view of the European political and military situation, he said, the Italian and Hungarian foreign ministers had decided not to publish the substance of their talks at Venice.

Gayda's Hint To Rumania  
ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Signor Virginia Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," gives a hint to Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial differences with Hungary in view of the European situation.

He says that the proposal to Hungary to settle problems peacefully cannot create a pretext for other Powers concerned to avoid a sincere examination and reasonable solution of the problems awaiting settlement. It would be a fatal mistake not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution by just means, says Signor Gayda.

### Direct American Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Government has informed the League of Nations that American organisations are consulting directly with Finland regarding the request for material and humanitarian assistance.

The note, handed by the United States Minister at Bern, says that the United States Government from the outbreak of hostilities has given tangible indication of sympathy to the people and government of Finland. The American Red Cross and private organisations have given medical, financial and other help, and they are consulting with Finnish agencies regarding the most effective manner in which such aid may be continued and expanded.

### Warning To Rumania

ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The determination of Italy to prevent the war spreading south to the Balkans and the Mediterranean was expressed by Signor Virginia Gayda in the semi-official organ, "Giornale d'Italia."

Signor Gayda declares: "Every-one should note that Hungary stands at Italy's side in the policy the latter is planning and in the methods she intends to adopt for her development. At the same time, Italy stands on Hungary's side as far as special problems on foreign policy are concerned."

The writer, who is recognised as Mussolini's mouth-piece, then asks Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial differences with Hungary in view of the European situation. It would be a fatal mistake, he states, not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution.

Aimed At Both Nazis And Soviet Russia  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BUDAPEST, Jan. 8 (Domel).—It is reported that an understanding regarding the conclusion of a defensive alliance between Italy and Hungary has been reached as the result of the conversations between the Foreign Ministers of the two countries at Venice.

## FACTS

### HUNGARY

Population (1930 census) 8,683,740, living in an area of 36,179 square miles.  
Army in 1938: 1800 officers and 35,000 other ranks.  
No Air Force. The Army possesses only two aeroplanes.  
Mechanised Forces: 12 tanks.  
Artillery: Fewer than 100 heavy pieces.  
"Navy": Four motorboats.

### ITALY

Population: 44,000,000.  
Metropolitan Army: 260,000. Fascist Militia: 559,000. Overseas garrisons about 120,000. Mussolini recently boasted that he could raise an army of 10,000,000.  
Navy: Ships completed at end of 1938: Four battleships, 23 cruisers, 60 destroyers, 60 torpedo boats, 103 submarines, 100 motor-torpedo boats. Four battleships are building, with 12 cruisers, 7 destroyers, 2 or more torpedo boats and about 20 submarines.  
Air Force: Military planes were known to number 3,000 in 1938.

### Germany or Soviet Union Invade Hungary

It is understood that the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czaky, following his conversations with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, at Venice, has brought to Budapest a draft of the proposed military alliance.

Obtaining his Government's approval for it, Count Czaky will proceed to Rome to sign the Military agreement formally with the Italian Foreign Minister.

Nothing Known Says Reuter  
ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in Rome concerning the conclusion of a defensive military alliance between Italy and Hungary as reported in the New York wireless broadcast which said that Count Ciano and Count Czaky had agreed to such a pact during their week-end in Venice.

The New York wireless quoted a highly-authoritative source in Budapest for its statement, declaring that Italy had agreed to go to the assistance of Hungary in the event of aggression against her by Russia or Germany.

An announcer added that Count Czaky would submit the proposed pact to the Government, and then return to Italy.

### Czaky For Budapest

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Count Ciano, Jan. 8 Foreign Minister, is expected to visit Budapest in April or May, according to the Budapest radio.

### Facing Red Menace

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, Jan. 8 (Domel).—Italian Government circles today denied the reports that a military alliance has been concluded between Italy and Hungary as the result of the recent conversations between Count Ciano and Count Czaky at Venice.

These circles admitted, however, that Italy would support Hungary's claims for "lost territory" in return for Hungary's co-operation against Soviet penetration of the Balkans.

## 40,000 Repatriated Nazis Return

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency announces that 40,000 repatriated Germans from the former Eastern Poland have arrived at Lodz, where they are accommodated in camps.  
The first contingent of Germans from the former North and Central Poland, many of whom made the journey in horse-drawn vehicles, have also arrived at Lodz.

## BIG BONDS FRAUD

## PARADE OF MOVIE STARS

Astonishing U.S. Court Scenes

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

### NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (UP).—

The conviction of Felipe Buencamino, a member of the Philippine Legislative Council on a count of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the sale of Philippine Railroad bonds, has been affirmed by the District Court of Appeals.

The convictions of William Gillespie were affirmed on all counts, with the exception of two counts of fraudulent use of the mails, which were reversed.

The decision does not change the original sentences imposed. Sr. Buencamino said: "I am sorry regarding the outcome of the appeal. I still feel that I have done no wrong. My attorneys are studying the decision."

As yet, no decision has been made regarding further appeals.

### Contention Upheld

The 20-page opinion sustains the prosecution's contention that Bruckner met Buencamino who is a "powerful figure in island politics, and that Buencamino agreed to lead Legislative aid in return for \$50,000, which the prosecution contends is a bribe."

The opinion reviews Bruckner's activities in seeking to raise money in London: "Buencamino held out for \$50,000 before he would sail for London, remaining untempted by the \$5,000 deposit in his name in Montreal."

None of the defendants were present in court. Buencamino's lawyer, Mr. George Norion, said he had not made any decision regarding his next step.

### Rebuke By Judge

Circuit Judge Charles E. Clark, condemned the courtroom tactics of the Prosecutor, William P. Maloney, but said the evidence of the defendant's guilt was so overwhelming that the "attack of the appellants on the prosecution must fail."

He referred to the fact that the appellants brief bitterly attacked the prosecution in a personal manner. Judge Clark said: "Even from the printed record we can see the vigor with which the Prosecutor pressed the case which at times went beyond the decorum and dignity which an officer of the United States should observe."

The Judge criticised the "padding" of chorus girls and movie stars to the stand to "prove only minor points."

## Hai Alai Shares Prove Popular

MANILA, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The 400,000 pesos issue of the new Philippine Hai Alai Corporation, which is capitalized at 1,000,000 pesos, has been substantially over-subscribed. Very keen demand for the issue came from Shanghai.

The issue, however, remains open until 5 p.m. to-day.

## King Of Thai In Switzerland

ZURICH, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The 14-year-old King of Thailand, accompanied by his mother and brothers, has arrived in Switzerland on holiday.

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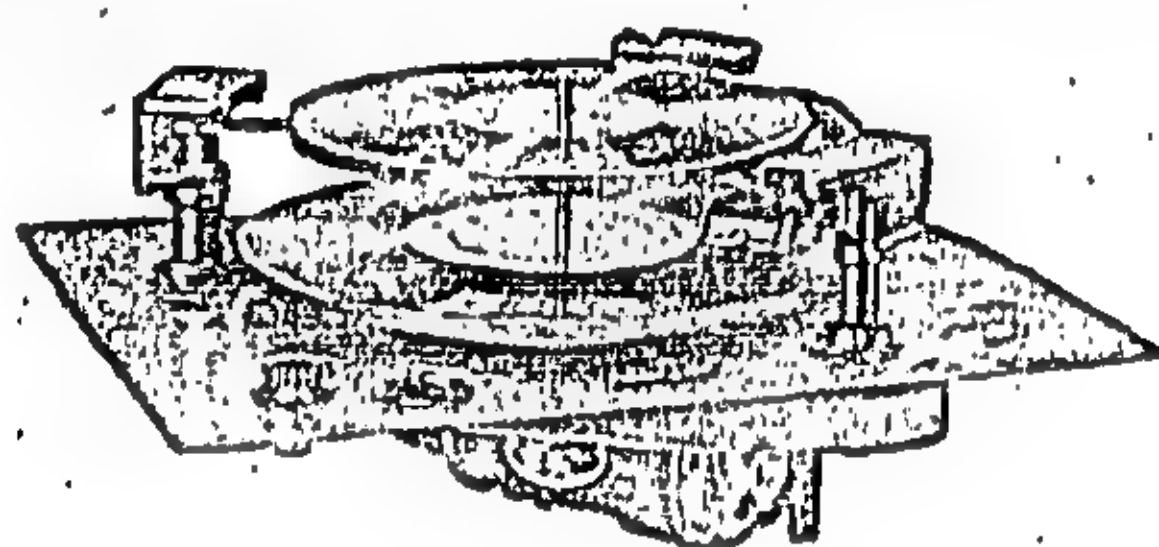
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### War Spending

J. M. Keynes, the English economist, has been putting up a proposition for paying for the war which, at first sight, looks like a conjuror's device for enabling everyone to hand over money to the State and yet have it safely in the banks for future use.

The position broadly is this: when a country is at war a great part of its effort goes into fighting and making war goods, and therefore less effort is available for producing ordinary consumption goods—the nation's consumption must be reduced. The reduction may be effected by taking away some of its earnings by taxation, so that it must spend less; or by raising prices, so that it does not get so much for its money. Both methods if pressed far have their drawbacks.

So Mr. Keynes suggests a third method which would counteract the tendency for prices to rise, and would yet leave the worker with some part at least of his surplus earnings credited to him for future use. Employers would deduct a certain percentage of wages and incomes from all payments due to employees and hand it over to the State. The Treasury would then deal with the accounts. Those who were liable for income tax would have the amount withdrawn from their credit, and the balance would be credited to them at 2½ per cent, to be repayable after the war.

The plan reveals itself as one for compulsory lending to the State. But there is much to be said for the method by which the loan would be raised. Whether people like it or not, thrift must be practised during the war, and here is a way of simplifying it and using it for the benefit of the State. It has the advantage of preventing over-consumption at a time when there will be little or no unemployment, and reserving consuming power for a time when it will be most needed—after the war, when there will be danger of severe unemployment. This is not to say that the danger of these savings being hit by post-war inflation can be ruled out. But if a simple means can be found for directing a nation's war spending on sound lines, that is just what is wanted in Britain to-day.



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# WHY HITLER HESITATES

by Francis Williams

NO real ray of light yet penetrates the fog of this strange new war.

The war strategy of the Allies is, it is true, clear enough, and on the whole thoroughly commendable. It has from the beginning been directed to avoiding large wastage of life in attacks against strongly fortified positions. It is the strategy of siege warfare, not of an attempt at a knock-out blow—whether by land or air.

It is the German reaction which provides the mystery of the war. Here are threats piled upon threats, but so far hardly any action at all. Instead of the blitzkrieg expected, there is confusion and inactivity. In place of the waves of attacking planes which each one of us anticipated, there is a spray of propaganda which dashes itself to nothingness against the rock of fact.

Why is this? What is happening inside Germany to explain this failure of German arms even to attempt any decisive action?

There seem to me to be four possible explanations. Here they are:

(1) German inactivity may be a quite deliberate and considered policy of political war.

As I pointed out in one of my previous weekly articles, military and political weapons are, for Herr Hitler, interchangeable—he employs whichever seems most likely to achieve his purpose.

And it is possible that he still considers that if Germany takes no decisive action, and particularly no decisive action against civilian populations, Britain and France will get tired of making a war

which has no battles and will, in the end, allow it to die of its own inertia, leaving Germany still in possession of Czechoslovakia and her part of Poland.

Hitler may have studied the history of Sanctions against Italy and remember that after a period of not very whole-hearted action, there came a time when Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced that Sanctions had become mid-summer madness. They were ended and Italy remained, with her Abyssinian prize.

He may think—wrongly, I consider—that if he bides his time and does nothing very much, history will repeat itself, and that Mr. Chamberlain will make another speech and that another act of aggression will have been allowed to succeed.

(2) The absence of a German attack may be due to inability to attack effectively against strong defences.

The Air Force which has hung as a threat over Europe for so many years, may have been largely bluff and may not, in fact, be competent to undertake engagements which will involve it in a clash with first-rate opponents.

And the Army may be insufficiently equipped, have too small a proportion of fully trained men, and be unable to rely upon an efficient enough transport system to make it possible for it to risk any large engagement.

(3) There may be dissensions so acute within Germany that the regime dare not risk a major war operation.

It may not dare risk it for fear

that it shall provide the cover for a major internal revolt—either within the Nazi Party itself or on the initiative of a monarchist-Army group, or possibly—although at the present stage this seems not very probable—within the mass of bewildered ordinary people.

(4) Indecision may be due to a brainstorm on the part of Hitler himself.

The feeling that he is being thwarted by Britain and France may, for the time being, have upset the balance of a mind never very stable.

Opposition to his will has always driven Hitler into a frenzy. If to this is added the effect of the Munich bomb plot, it may be that the Fuehrer is in no condition to come to any decisions himself and that none of his entourage has the courage to make decisions for him other than the makeshift decision to fall in the gap with loud threats.

Which of these possible explanations of German inactivity is the most likely to be correct? It is very difficult to say.

There is some evidence to support each of them.

In support of the first is the fact that the one constant theme of German radio propaganda in English has been—apart from dislike for Mr. Churchill—that this is an absurd war. Again and again comes the attempt to persuade the people of Britain that none of their real interests is affected, and that it would be better for everybody if

the war were called off without further ado. There is other evidence of the same kind.

Yet such an explanation does not square either with the bursts of hate propaganda, or with what seems at one time to have been very near to a decision to attack Holland.

In favour of the second explanation is the definite failure of the German air attacks on Scotland, the very high percentage of casualties and the accumulating evidence that the German fighters are inferior to both the British and French.

Yet it is difficult to believe that the leaders of a great military machine like the German would admit inferiority simply on such evidence and without the test of a really large scale action.

As to the dissension within Germany, there was evidence of that before the Munich bomb showed the pitch to which hatred of Hitler has risen among some, at any rate, of those near to him.

And finally we have plenty of evidence over a long period of the unstable nature of the German Leader—of the passions into which opposition to his will throws him and of how queerly balanced in him are periods of indecision and of sudden political flair and decision.

Reports of a contemplated attack, first in this direction, and then in that, the mixture of confusion and hate in propaganda, all suggest that he is in one of these moods of indecision now.

If so we must not expect that indecision to last indefinitely. Nor, if we are wise, will we underestimate the power and energy of Herr Hitler when he does make up his mind.

Here then are four possible explanations of the mystery of Germany's inactivity. My own feeling is that it is something of all four which holds Germany back.

Hitler, I think, has not yet quite made up his mind that the era of victories without war is over; he has been shaken in his hopes of a lightning war by his generals' reports on the comparative strength of the German forces and still more shaken by the knowledge of plots against him. In consequence he is at the moment in a mood of hysteria which makes decision impossible.

No doubt that mood will pass. But while it lasts we gain. Every day increases our output of arms, every day improves further our already strong Air Force.

And within Germany indecision at the top must be having a crushing effect upon the morale of the mass.

We must not fall into the danger of over-confidence, nor decide that Hitler will be defeated without a struggle.

But we may, at any rate, congratulate ourselves that in these early days democracy has shown a steadiness both of strategy and purpose that Hitler has been unable to achieve.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



The wife's beginning is wonder why I've stopped Hitler my allies!



# Appeal Against Rape Conviction Is Dismissed

"I FIND it very difficult to follow the mental process of the Jury... but the decision I have come to, though not without hesitation, is that this conviction should be upheld," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Appeal Court yesterday, in dismissing the Appeal of Ajit Singh who had been convicted of raping a Chinese woman on November 20 last and sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Latest China War News

## GUNS IN ACTION

### Artillery Duel On Han River

A heavy artillery duel took place on Sunday between the Chinese and Japanese forces at Machatal, near Tientsin, on the south bank of the Han River about 95 miles above Hankow. Intense Chinese fire succeeded in silencing the Japanese batteries, claims a "Central News" message.

On the Chungshiang-Kingshan highway and in the areas south of Sulshien, the Chinese have made sweeping advances. Kingshan, Kwankiao and Tungkiao are reported to be surrounded by the Chinese.

Three Japanese Defeats  
The Japanese at Sunkiaochien, west of Kingshan, suffered more than 300 casualties in an engagement on Sunday.

Covered by artillery fire, 2,000 Japanese at Hsienhsien in South Shansi, launched an unsuccessful offensive on the Chinese positions nearby. They were defeated after close-quarter combats.

Another Japanese detachment pushing westward from Taming, in South Hopei, has been driven back, sustaining about 300 casualties.

On the night of January 7, Chinese troops attacked Tachaping, Kweichow, and Chwangchengwan in South Hopei. They broke into Kweichow-shih and challenged the Japanese in street fighting.

In the north of the province, the Chinese raided Yangtongtung and Shuanglungkung on the same day, capturing 11 machine-guns and many rifles.

On the southern front, more advance points on the Nanning-Yanchow highway have been recaptured by the Chinese in a series of attacks. These include Napien, Pumiiao, Hsienchong, Liangmiao, Palan and Panchinatun. A Japanese counter-attack was repulsed.

## Miners Entombed By Explosion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—SAPPORO, Jan. 9 (Domei).—Fifty-two miners are helplessly trapped underground as the result of a gas explosion which occurred in the Mayachi pit of the Yubari Mine at 4.10 p.m. yesterday.

A landslide followed the explosion. As the interior was filled with gas, a fire apparently broke out in the pit this morning.

Only one miner has managed to come out to the surface. The fate of the remainder is held almost hopelessly, despite frantic rescue operations by the authorities.

## Sabotage Reports Discounted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Sensational rumours of attempts to sabotage the great Boulder Dam have been given a quietus by the report of the F.B.I., which recently investigated the stories.

Mr. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the F.B.I., attributes the rumours to the special precautions taken to guard the dam after war broke out in Europe.

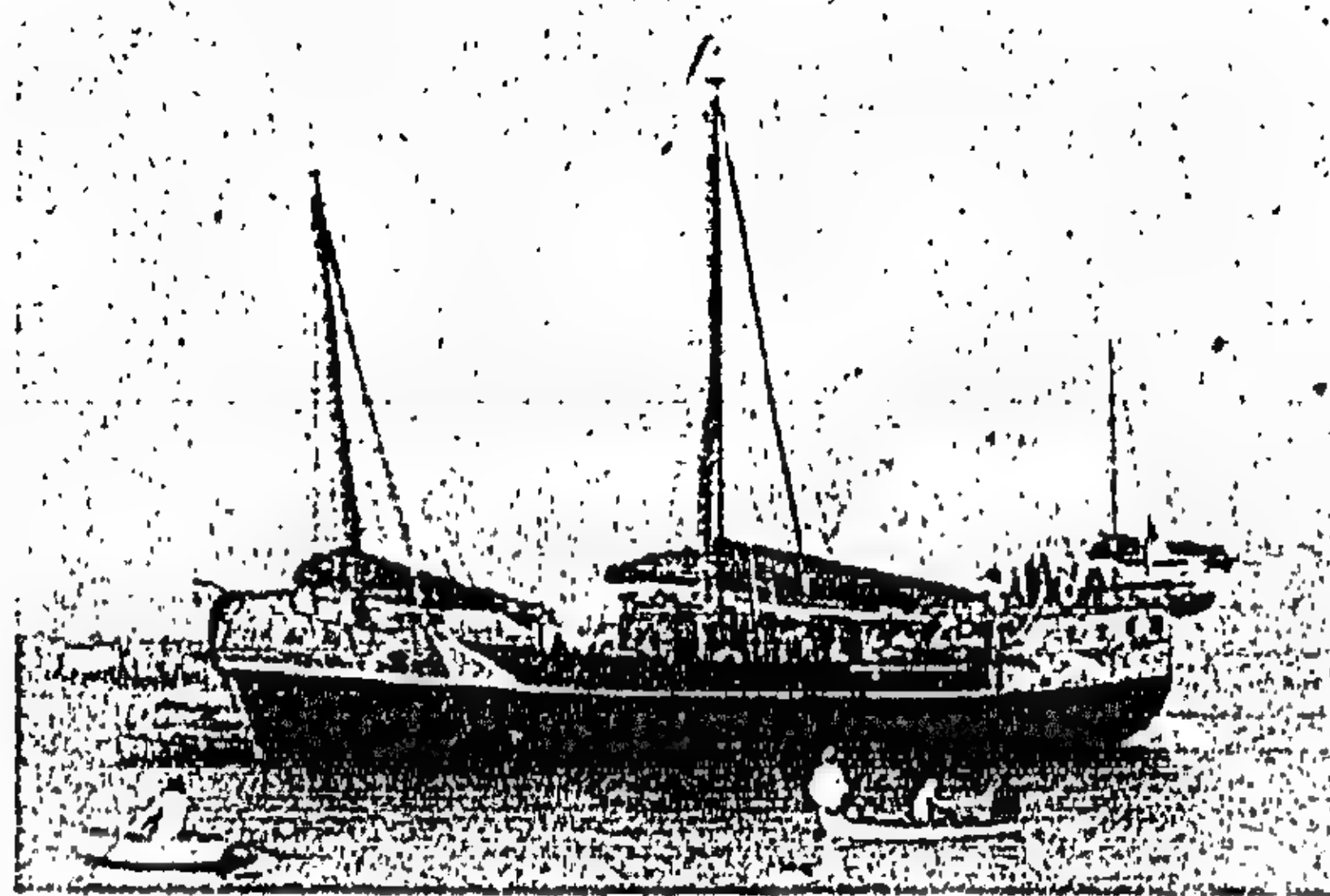
## Constitutionality Of Bill Debated

DUBLIN, Jan. 9 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that the President, Dr. Douglas Hyde, has decided, after consultation with the Council of State, to refer to the Supreme Court the question whether the Offences Against the State Bill empowering the Government to intern people on suspicion is repugnant to the Constitution.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 9 (Reuters).—The Transvaal gold production has reached an all time record value, computed at £25,000,000, an increase of over £10,000,000 on the previous year.

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# HONGKONG JUNK'S SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO MANILA



## \$125,000 LUXURY MOTOR BOAT TO BE BUILT IN HONGKONG

Plans for the building of a \$125,000 luxury 103 ft. motor yacht, a brigantine and other craft in Hongkong yards were revealed to a "Telegraph" representative to-day by Mr. A. Carmelo, the Mexican Consul in Manila, whose 38 ft. yacht Elvira was launched here recently.

## British Soldier Pleads To Murder Charge

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (Reuters).—Private David Eckford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, pleaded not guilty when his trial opened this morning. He is charged with the murder of L/Cpl. James Davis, also of the Seaforth Highlanders, on November 4.

The Crown Advocate, Mr. John McNeill, explained that the trial was being held in the British Supreme Court following the granting of full legal powers over the accused to the Court by Major-General A. E. Grasett, the C-in-C. British Troops in China.

## \$57,000 In Two Suit Cases

### Unmanifested Cargo Charge Withdrawn

Charged with bringing into the Colony unmanifested cargo consisting of two suit cases containing \$57,000 in Chinese currency and \$3,500 in Canton currency, Hung Cheung-mo, 46, of 45 Bonham Strand East, appeared before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Hung was represented by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, while Chief Preventive Officer Grimmitt prosecuted.

Mr. Lo said Hung was a travelling trader and was instructed to bring the suitcases to Hongkong by a Hongkong bank. Mr. Lo submitted that the suit cases were Hung's personal luggage and could not be termed as cargo.

In answer to Mr. Lo's submission, Mr. Grimmitt said the Revenue department considered any freight that could be charged for or charged on, as cargo.

Mr. Edwards said with the facts before him he could not come to a definite decision. The charge was withdrawn.

## Beer Stolen From The N.A.A.F.I.

A quantity of beer, cigarette etc., valued at \$96, was stolen from the N.A.A.F.I. at Devils' Peak yesterday. The theft was reported to the Police by Sgt. Billingham of the 8th Heavy Battery.

CANBERRA, Jan. 8 (Reuters).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, stated to-day that the Government immediately is considering the question of diplomatic representation in Tokyo.

favour of the Appellant, which he did not fairly put to the Jury.

"The responsibility for any miscarriage of justice was not the Judge's but the Jury's. On the second point, the Jury were duly warned regarding the evidence of the small child—that it was unreliable and should be disregarded. The decision I have come to, though not without hesitation, is that this conviction should be upheld."

Following the boom in sugar and mining in the Philippines many of the quakes are being made regarding the building of luxury craft in Hongkong. Mr. Hauserman, who has large gold mining interests ordered a 300 ft. cruising motor yacht from Germany just before war was declared. As it was to be an all steel craft, the German firm of Krupp have announced that they are unable to meet the order.

There is every indication that Hongkong will become a more prominent boat building centre following the war in Europe.

### Craft Described

The \$125,000 motor yacht is to be built for Mr. Manuel Garcia, the wealthy sugar man from Negros. The craft will be twin screw with twin diesel engines of 200 h.p. each and will be capable of about 12 knots. It will be a composite craft with a steel frame and wood planking.

Mr. Carmelo, who holds a Master's Certificate in sail, is carrying a family tradition. His grandfather owned and operated a fleet of 11 brigantines and frigates which plied between Mexico and the Philippines. These were 200-ton craft between 110 ft. and 140 ft. in length.

### To Build Brigantine

He is planning to build a brigantine in Hongkong. A brigantine is a small two masted vessel, square-rigged like a brig, but with fore-and-aft main-sail and raking masts.

His handsome yacht Elvira launched by his wife in Hongkong in October will be sailed to Manila this month by Mr. J. Peterson and Mr. Norman Torrey, an American. Joining the yacht in Manila, Mr. Carmelo intends cruising with friends in the South Seas, for several months.

## Workers And Police Clash

### Thirteen Men Appear In Court

Thirteen employees of the Chung Hwa Book Company appeared before Mr. Himsworth at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning charged with fighting in Pak Tai Street. Nine were also charged with having intimidated T. T. Kong to abstain from doing any act which was his legal right to perform.

Bail of \$500 each was allowed, and they were remanded for a week.

It is understood that the management of the Company requested the police to surround the works on Saturday. When about 300 workers left the works for lunch, they met the police and had a struggle. Eight workers were injured.

## Trans-Atlantic Air Service In June

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—The British Overseas Airways Corporation is sending a technical expert to the United States, Canada and Newfoundland in anticipation of opening a Trans-Atlantic air service in June from Britain.

## Military Cable Stolen

C. Q. M. S. Buckle, Area Signals' Office, China Command, has reported to the Police that 2,000 yards of electric cable valued at £280 was stolen from an enclosed area off Shek-O Road between December 16 and January 9 this year.

THE HONGKONG built 150-ton junk Cheng Ho behaved splendidly on her maiden voyage to Manila, averaging 7.2 knots in a strong north east monsoon varying between force five and eight, Mr. J. Peterson, who sailed the junk over told a "Telegraph" representative on his return here.

Leaving Hongkong on Boxing Day, the junk arrived at Manila, where it attracted great attention on December 30.

The junk really behaved like a big ship and has proved a very solid and wonderful boat. We maintained our speed with the assistance of the lee diesel engine as we wanted to get to Manila in time to celebrate New Year's Day," he added.

Mr. Peterson has had considerable experience in sailing this type of craft. He was unlucky to lose his own beautiful junk Pan-jin in the Red Sea after successfully sailing it from Hongkong in an attempt to reach the New York World's Fair.

### No Vibration

"There was no vibration from the two 140 h.p. diesels, which are a superior type of motor. For her business expeditionary work in the Netherlands Indies, the junk is an ideal craft, her extreme roominess making her preferable to a schooner. Large crowds assembled when the Cheng Ho anchored at Manila near the Army and Navy pier off the Luneta and many went on board, said Mr. Peterson.

Dr. David Fairchild, one of the sponsors of the expedition and Mrs. D. Archbold the other sponsor will join the junk in Manila.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1890.  
The projected Fifth of Clyde Canal to connect the Atlantic Ocean with the North Sea will be begun at once. A Manchester firm has contracted to complete the canal at a cost of £25,000,000.

Three new ironclads of 14,000 tons and 20,000 horse-power will be added to the naval strength of Italy as soon as possible. Vessels, armor, guns etc., are to be made in Italy.

The "Chorolithe" is the last London dance, the name comes from stone, a dance, and olisthanein, to glide.

Baron Deunaulx, a French officer, proposes that France and Germany should fight on a new principle, each country to have 100,000 men on its side only. At the same time he is liberal in his offers to Germany, and says that the country may have 16,000 Italians to help it.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1915.  
The deadlock on the western frontier seems complete. In spite of incessant attacks, driven home with quite extraordinary resolution and hurricanes of shell expended every day, the losses and gains along the fighting front fairly balance one another, and at this rate things could go on for weeks with advantage to neither side, were the resources behind both more nearly equal.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1930.  
A further fall of a farthing was registered in respect of the Hongkong dollar when exchange opened this morning. The Hongkong dollar rate down to 12.04d, which is as low as it has ever been in the history of the Colony.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1935.  
The question of the more adequate advertising of Hongkong as a tourist or travellers' resort, which has periodically arisen in recent times, is taken a step further to-day by the suggestion made by a contributor that he time has come for some definite action to be taken in the matter.

## Hitler Has Another Conference

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 9 (Reuters).—Hitler, back after his Christmas holidays, has begun conversations with his political and military chiefs. According to the "Telegraph" the most urgent business is Germany's attitude to Sweden and the Finnish war. Concrete developments are expected in this connection shortly.

## Less Unemployed In Britain

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuters).—The registered unemployed on December 11 totalled 1,361,000, which was 41,000 less than on November 13 and 409,800 less than on December 12, 1939.

## Loses Wrist Watch

Mrs. J. Chane Russ, 9 Kimberly Road, has reported to the Police the loss of a gold wristwatch, valued at \$50, between Kimberly Road and the Gloucester Hotel.

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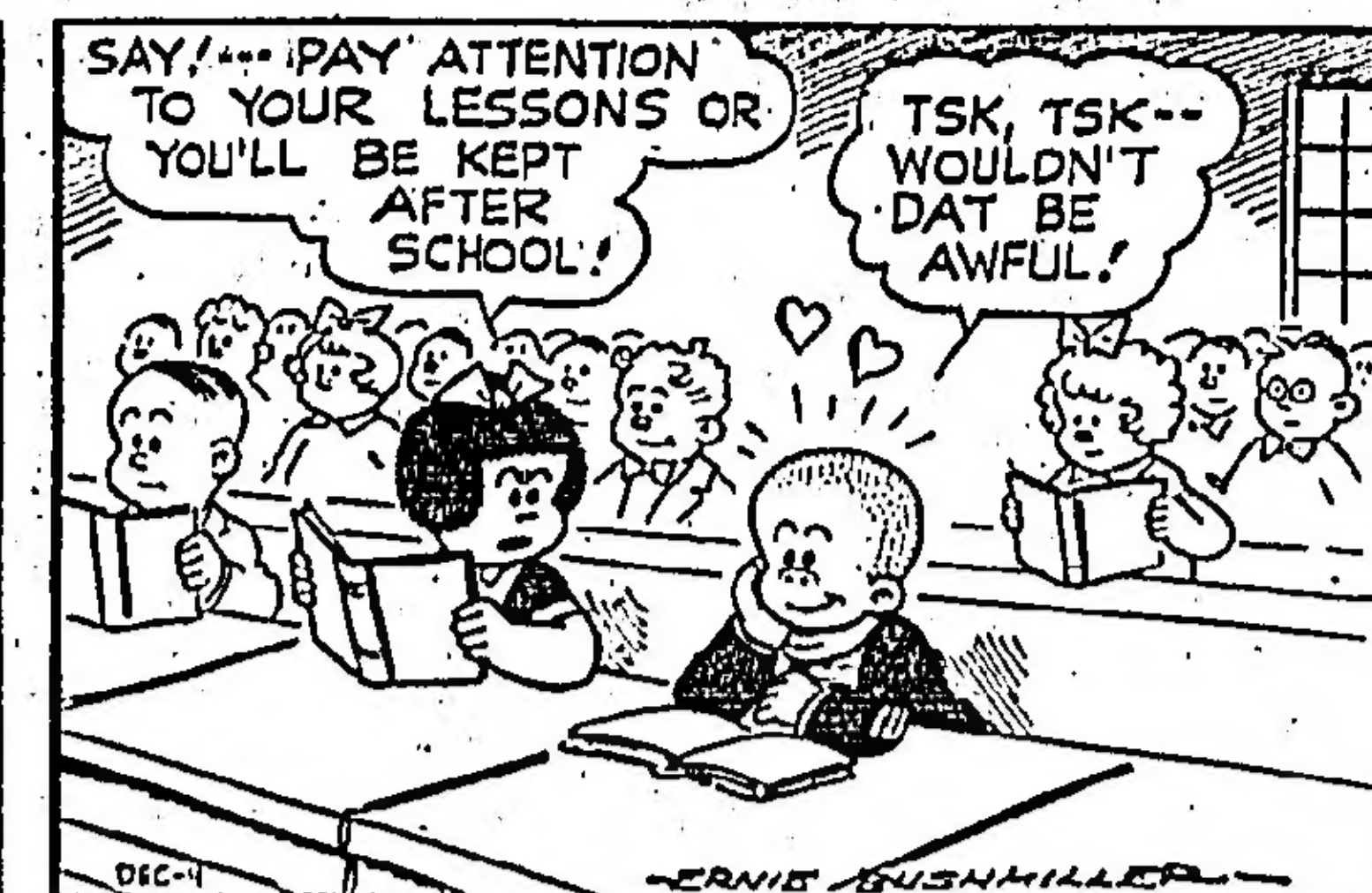
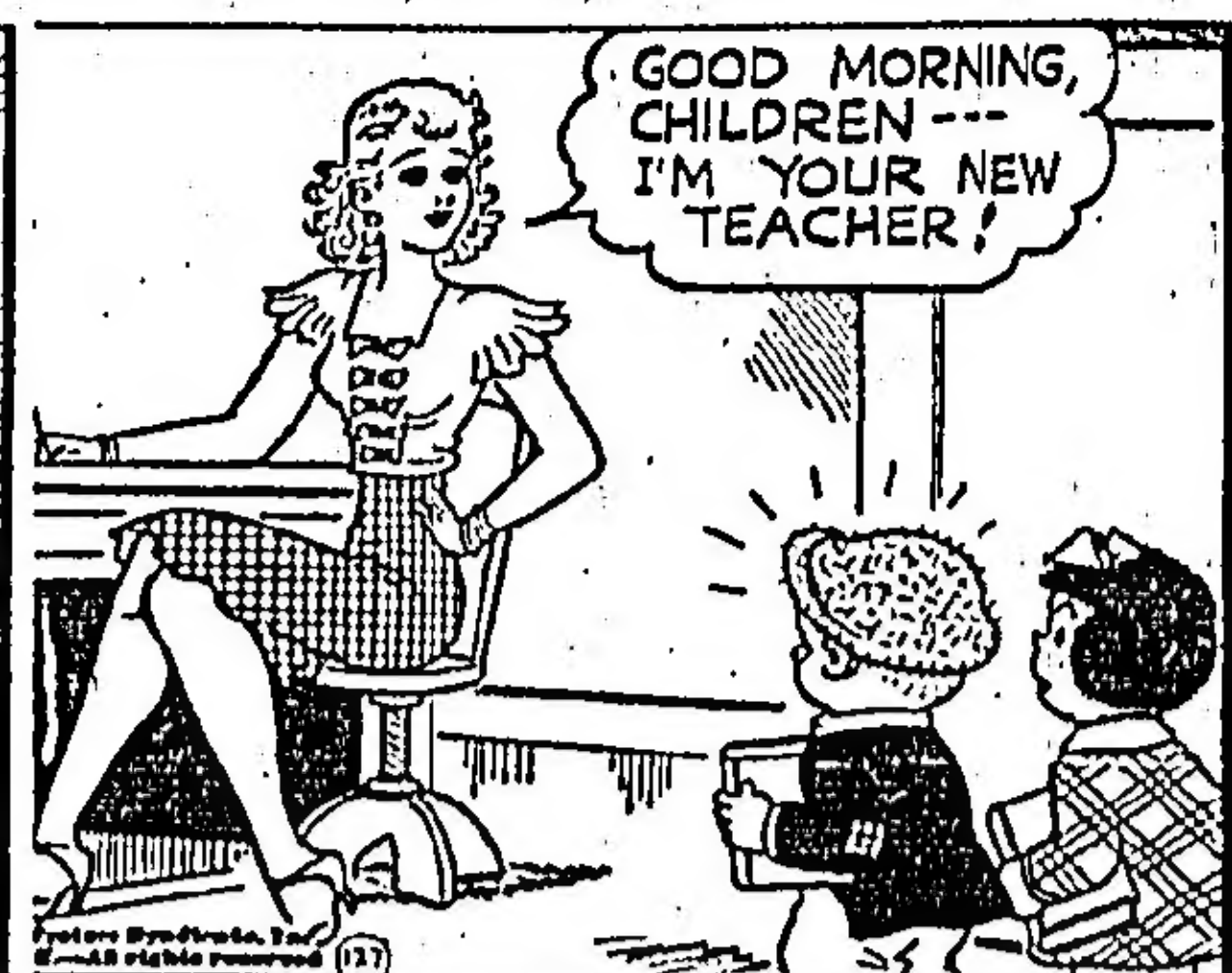




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### NEW MASTER

Mr. Chipping, known affectionately as "Chips" to the boys and Masters of Brookfield School, has been ordered by the doctor to stay at home because of a cold—the first time he had missed the first Evening Assembly of a new school in 58 years. Chips disobeys, but finds himself locked out with a new boy, son of the Duke of Dorset. When Assembly is out the older boys gather affectionately about him. A new master, Jackson, escorts Chips back to his lodging where, seated before the hearth, Chips, now 83, sees himself as a new master coming to Brookfield 58 years earlier.

THE Brookfield Special waited at the Victoria Station, London, for its load of boys returning, or going for the first time, to that old institution of learning. Newsboys were shouting headlines from the late newspapers: "Special edition—French defeated at Sedan! Special—Emperor surrenders! Empress in flight! Special!"

Amid bustling porters, boys saying goodbye to relatives, stumbling over their bags, a harassed young schoolmaster, Bingham of Brookfield, was sorting the pupils into their seats in the train when a young, diffident man approached him.

"Are you Mr. Bingham?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I'm Chipping, the new master. Can I be of any assistance?"

"Not now—just finishing. Martin! Where's Martin?" Chipping yelled for Martin and that was all that he did to help Bingham. He was ill at ease, uncertain of himself—going to his first school as a master where he hoped to make a name for himself.

AMONG the new boys was one young fellow who, finding himself alone among a lot of strange boys, leaving home for the first time, sat looking out of the window trying hard to keep from crying. Chipping knew just how he felt—for he was feeling much the same himself. He lowered his newspaper and smiled. "Cheer up," he said with a faint smile.

That diffident encouragement was too much for the boy, and after a final struggle he burst into a flood of tears. Chips, appalled at the result of his attempt to cheer the youngster, continued: "I'm new, too, it's not easy to begin with."

The boy flung himself into the corner of the seat and gave vent to a new burst of tearful grief. Chipping made an uncertain gesture towards the boy, and became conscious of a sudden silence among the other boys, and looked furtively about.

"What did he do, Colley? Slap him?" asked a youthful voice.

"Kicked him, most likely," was the reply.

The new master withdrew behind his newspaper.

Arrived at Brookfield, Bingham accompanied Chipping to his quarters.

"I used to have this room. You'll find the draft from that window will give you a stiff neck. What are you looking for? Is something going on?"

Chipping, standing looking out at the window, said in a burst of eager enthusiasm: "Just as I imagined it! It means everything to me to come to Brookfield. I suppose you felt the same way... I'll get on. I know I will. Headmaster of Brookfield—that's something worth working for."

"Done any teaching before?" asked Bingham, grinning at his back.

Before he could reply, a school porter knocked and told him that Dr. Weatherby, the Headmaster, would see him.

AFTER their talk, Weatherby brought Chipping into the master's common room, and introduced him to the staff.

"I want you to show Mr. Chipping the ropes—any little pointers you know. Mr. Chipping is taking Lower



From the novel by JAMES HILTON  
Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lubbock Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

School to-night. Well, good night, Mr. Chipping. Any time you need to see me...

The pointers given by his fellow instructors did not serve to banish young Mr. Chipping's nervousness at first facing a class.

"You must not let them rag you," said Masterson.

"Take a quiet look around for drawing pins in your chair," cautioned Dunbar.

"Or rat traps in your desk," added Cooper.

"Are you athletically inclined?" asked Leslie, filling his pipe. "Not that they ever become violent."

"You mustn't take any notice of these fellows," said Masterson. "The boys are a bit restless on first night—new masters are exciting blood sport with them, but—"

THE BELL for class rang, and Mr. Chipping made his way to Lower Form. The door was shut and inside dead silence reigned. Chipping opened the door and entered. The room was large and bare, with tall windows. It was lighted by two chandeliers of iron rings with a circle of candles.

As he stepped across the threshold, Chipping's mortar-board was whirled from his head by a thread across the doorway and flung to the floor. Amid stifled giggles came cries of: "Your hat, sir!" "You've dropped your hat!" "Oh, let me, sir!" "No, no, I'll pick it up—please, sir."

The hat, instead of being picked up and restored, was kicked out of the reach of each boy stooping to get it raising the dust on the wooden floor.

"That will do, thank you," protested Chipping. "Kindly sit down. Will you get back to your places, please!" He made grabs for the mortar-board, but always it was snatched from his outstretched hand, while, in the name of kindly helpfulness, the youthful ruffians shouted: "Not at all, sir." "We're glad to

help." "Morgan, give it to me!" "Here it is!" "Don't tread on it, you silly fool!"

"Do you hear what I say?" demanded Chipping, his voice getting shriller. "Go back to your seats! Sit down! Give it to me!"

"I have it, sir!" shouted young Colley, holding it up. "It's a bit battered, sir." He banged it violently across his knee, while the boys, speaking together, interrupted each other, cried:

"You must be more careful, sir!" "Do you lose your hat very often, sir?" "That's a silly question!" "Isn't it a silly question, sir?"

"Awfully dusty," said Colley, still banging the mortar-board. "I'll fix it, sir. Won't take a second, sir!" Colley ran to the blackboard, snatched up the chalk-permeated duster and rubbed the mortar-board vigorously, covering it with white streaks.

The new master snatched the hat. "What's your name?" "Colley, sir."

"Go back to your place, Colley. Go back, all of you!"

"Yes, sir," virtuously chorused the boys and took their seats quietly.

"You will employ this time until six o'clock," said Chipping, "in writing an essay on the book you were given to read during the holidays. I understand this was Kingsley's 'Westward Ho!' If you are in any difficulty, I shall be pleased to answer questions."

"Oh, thank you, sir!" chorused the hordes.

Chipping surreptitiously felt the seat of his chair for pins before sinking into it. A hand was raised.

"Well, what is it?"

"A pencil all right, sir?"

"Of course not, you idiot!" said a neighbor.

"Who's an idiot?" demanded the first boy fiercely.

"You are, you idiot!"

"Silence! Silence! I'll have no more of it!" cried Chipping.

"No more silence, sir," asked Cooley amid general laughter.

In a moment another hand was raised. "Who was Queen Elizabeth's husband, sir?"

"She didn't have a husband. Surely, you know what she was called?"

"No, sir. What, sir?"

"The Virgin—or—well, she was called—er—never mind."

"Oh, sir, please sir, please tell us, sir," they begged.

"Go on with your work," ordered the new master.

Another hand went up. "Sir, who was Cadiz?"

"Who was Cadiz?" repeated Chipping. "Who was Cadiz? Cadiz is a town in Spain."

There was another outburst of comments from the boys. "Of course, you ass!" "Isn't he an ass, sir?" "Silly, fat ass!" "Don't listen to him, sir!" "Ha! Ha! May I kick him, sir?"

"Quiet, please, quiet! I think we'll get on with our work."

"Yes, sir." "Let's, sir."

THE climax came when a boy asked how to spell Armada. A dozen different boys answered, each spelling it a different way, shouting down the others, drowning out Chipping's voice ordering silence. Then other boys began repeating his order for silence, making more noise than the others. Then Colley and another youngster pre-

tended to get into a fight, and soon missiles were hurtling back and forth.

"Boys, do you hear me? Sit down! Be quiet!" cried Chipping, as a piece of india rubber hit him on the cheek.

Cooley stood up in his seat. "Who did that? I'll kill him for you, sir!" He aimed a pencil box. "We must protect the master! We must protect Mr. Chipping. We'll rally 'round you, sir! Trust us, sir!"

Into the continuing pandemonium strode Dr. Weatherby, a look of horror on his face.

"What is this? What is happening? Mr. Chipping!"

#### TO-MORROW The Cricket Match

7.00 London Relay—"The Old Man of the Sea."

A play from a short story by W. W. Jacobs.

7.30 London Relay—"The News."

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and Orchestra Napolitaine.

Napoli—Napolitaine (Merzaccopo): Chant Du Sirene (Volpatti, junior), Orchestra Napolitaine; Dans La Fumee (Dus); Parlez-Moi D'Amour (Lemore); Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra; A Frangese (Costa); Souvenir De Paestum (Andolini); Orchestra Napolitaine.

8.23 Chabrier—Cottillon—Ballet Music.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

8.40 Studio—Recital by Victor Sanders (Baritone) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Sylvia (Oley Special); (b) Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Quillier); (c) O Mistress Mine (Quillier); (d) Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (Quillier); (e) Victor Sanders (Baritone); (f) Piano Solo—Selveteo; (g) E. O'Neill Shaw; (h) Tally Ho (Leahy); (i) A Jolly Old Cavalier (Afrile Dix); (j) My Old Shako (Trotter).

## C.S.C.C. Beat Kowloon C.C.

(By "R. Abbit")  
(Continued from Page 6.)

fair, when he went round the wicket, in Lloyd's net over. However, he was bowled—it was a good old break, a bit quicker and completely beat the batsman. But for the weakness I have mentioned he had played a very good, and most useful, knock for 32.

ANDERSON BACK

AT 97, Anderson went on again for Buxton, who could not find a length, but Richardson completed his fifty and sent the hundred up with some strong shots to leg. In his second over Richardson hit him with the break for four, put one through the slips for the same number was dropped at mid-wicket off a very difficult catch from a lifted shot that scored two, and was stumped next ball, 125-3-71.

It was a fine innings, and it was unfortunate that he grew impatient as a little more restraint would have given the C.S.C.C. a much better chance of getting the runs. They wanted 80 runs in fifty minutes, quite possible with a set batsman going but not very likely otherwise, especially as they had a distinct fall.

RUNS STILL COME

PERRY and Colledge took the score to 148 when the latter, hitting out at Anderson, was well caught pretty low down by extra cover, running towards cover, 148-4-18. Perry then started hitting and pulled Anderson twice and Lloyd twice—the last four was a very hard chance to long on. He then cut him beautifully for a couple, 173 up and 23 minutes to go. A run later McLellan, on-drove Anderson and was nicely caught on the boundary 174-5-4. Perry continued to hit wicket and not at everything, and drove Anderson over the extra-cover's head, but in Lloyd's next over he was splendidly caught by Rappley running from deep mid-wicket, 181-6-38—a fine forcing innings.

THERE WERE only thirteen minutes left for play and the Civil seemed to have little chance except indeed of losing the game. If they tried to win it, Smith however, remained to be reckoned with. He skidded Anderson behind first slip for a couple. He then seemed to be dropped very low down at extra, but it was so quick I will not vouch for it. Several angles followed. Next over Lawrence scrambled a single, and Smith hit a grand four to long leg, and cut a couple to third man. An off drive for two followed—ning to win!

Of Anderson's next over, second ball, Lawrence swung at one on the leg side and it went up to slip—apparently off his glove. Atwill hit a single—Smith off drove a two. He then cut another and took a single to extra. Two to tie, three to win!

A single to Atwill, another to Smith and last over was called, with the game a tie. Off Lloyd's first ball Smith hooked a glorious four to square leg and the game was won!

A splendid winning knock especially for a cricketer of his year—a grand game and a great marathon bit of bowling by Lloyd and Anderson. Buxton could not get going and would do better in spiked boots I think. The K.C.C. literally had no other bowler, and it was wonderful how Lloyd and Anderson stood up to it. And to think that those Civil servants batsmen were the mugs who crawled out on Saturday. It beats me.

## Press On War Events General Staff Of Economics Is Demanded Mr. Hore-Belisha's Resignation

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha and the economic war are the two chief topics in to-day's British Press. Both the "Daily Herald" and the "Manchester Guardian" ask Mr. Chamberlain to lighten our darkness in connection with Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

The "Daily Herald" says that if the resignation is purely for personal reasons, the Prime Minister will have to satisfy the nation that they could not have been composed in some other way.

On the other hand, the "Times" takes a different view. There has not been one word of criticism by the Army of Mr. Hore-Belisha's reforms. It says that a more natural explanation is that a series of minor differences not concerned with the war gradually brought the Prime Minister to a point where he felt that a change would make smoother work in the department and in the Cabinet.

Complacent Conduct

Both the "Manchester Guardian" and the "New Chronicle" are concerned over the too complacent conduct of the economic war. In Germany this question naturally has received most careful attention and in some quarters in Britain, amusement and satisfaction have been aroused at the state to which Germans are reduced.

An eminent authority, however, suggests that the Germans are actually consuming less than they are producing.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that against such an enemy we too must show that we are capable of great sacrifices.

Revolutionary Changes Needed

The ruler of Germany is the master of vast resources. All the energies of his nation have been bent to one task—that of creating military strength. The youth of Germany has been trained as never youth has been trained since the days of Sparta. Many in Britain do not realize that if we are to defeat Hitler we must be prepared for revolutionary changes and larger sacrifices, says the "Manchester Guardian."

The "New Chronicle" discusses the little attention paid by responsible Ministers to the question of conserving and using our resources.

Field Marshal Goering, the new Nazi economic dictator, is now equipped with an economic general staff. Britain needs more readiness for trying out innovations and readiness for change and sacrifice. The journal would like to see an economic general staff for Britain.

## WESTERN FRONT

### Calm, Except Near Vosges

#### French N.C.O. Wins Two Decorations

PARIS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, the calm on the Western Front was almost universal except west of the Vosges, where two Nazi patrols were repulsed after heavy hand-to-hand fighting.

Individual acts of courage receive recognition in the official journal, in which are named 23 awards for gallantry.

One N.C.O. gets both the Military Medal and the Croix-de-Guerre. His unit inflicted heavy losses on a German unit. The N.C.O. then led a counter-attack in which five prisoners were taken.

Berlin Reports Activity

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency states that there has been more lively artillery fire and reconnaissance activity on both sides on the Western Front.

It adds that enemy artillery bombarded the Perl and Upper Perl regions, and also the wide valley north-east of Hiltzingen.

## STOCK EXCHANGE IS ACTIVE

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange market was initially hesitant owing to the recent political reshuffle, but the upward movement quickly resumed under the lead of gilt-edged securities, which closed higher on a further influx of buying orders.

Indian Government bonds encountered a demand, while Far Eastern bonds were notably stronger. Wall Street was steady.

## Jewish Refugees Arrested

HAIFA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Over 500 Jewish refugees from Germany and other countries were arrested yesterday within territorial waters. A schooner with 300 aboard was towing another sailing vessel with 160 aboard.



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## SHANGHAI TRIAL

Briton To Face Murder Charge To-day

Shanghai, Jan. 8. A. Senforth Highlander, David Eckford, native of Kirkcaldy, Fife-shire, begins a fight for his life in the British Supreme Court tomorrow when he will face a charge of murdering Lance-Cpl. James Davis, also of the Senforth, on November 4.

This will be the first murder trial of a British subject in Shanghai since the case of the Indian, Anna Singh, three years ago. Anna Singh was sentenced to death for killing a fellow Indian, but he was dramatically saved from the gallows when the rope broke while he was being hung in Ward Road Gaol. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment by the then Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, and now Anna Singh is serving his term of imprisonment at Mooltan, India.

Private Eckford reserved his defence when he was committed for trial at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing in the British Police Court early in December when an eyewitness description of the shooting was given by another Highlander, Private Stirling.

Private Stirling said that on the evening of November 4 he was on duty at a sentry post on the border of the International Settlement where Japanese-occupied territory adjoins the sector manned by British troops. Lance-Cpl. Davis was in charge of the post, which included Eckford. While on beat he noticed Davis, with a rifle levelled at Davis. About four and a half yards separated the two men. Eckford said, "I am going to shoot you." He pulled the trigger and the rifle went off. Eckford immediately handed the rifle to witness and said, "I am ready for the Sergeant now." When the rifle went off Davis fell backward. Later a duty truck arrived with a patrol under the charge of Sergeant McDonald. Eckford said, "He is dead, Sergeant. I shot him."—Reuter.

## For French Lines

London, Jan. 7.

Ten thousand goods wagons and 240 locomotives, costing £8,000,000, are being built in Britain for use of those sections of the French railways operated by the British army. About £1,750,000 worth of railroad and roadside equipment has also been ordered.

The huge order will not prevent British engineers from continuing to build for overseas customers and deliveries are being guaranteed.

Among noteworthy deliveries of British-built locomotives to overseas during 1939 were six of the world's largest metre-gauge locomotives for the Kenya and Uganda Railways, making possible a journey from Nairobi to Kampala, Victoria Nyanza, and back—1,100 miles without changing engines, and a specially built Diesel locomotive for a Peruvian corporation to run on the World's highest railway line near La Paz, Elvira, which includes a six-mile climb with a gradient of one in fourteen.

Turkish railways have ordered 58 locomotives from Britain for use in Asia Minor, and large consignments of rolling stock have been ordered by Egypt and the Union of South Africa.—British Wireless.

## Polish Conditions

Paris, Jan. 8.

Reports from the Polish Press declare there is much unrest both in territories under German and Russian control.

In Eastern Poland, which is occupied by the Soviet conditions are deteriorating rapidly and private trade is almost at a standstill owing to lack of supplies, while requisitioning is resulting in a big rise in the cost of living.

The farmers prefer to barter their products than to accept cash.

Soviet propaganda is so fantastic that the Poles accept it as a joke.—Reuter Bulletin.

## WEEK OF PRAYER

Opening Service Attended By Many People

The first day of the Universal Week of Prayer was attended by over 70 persons at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, when the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal delivered a homily on "Thanksgiving, Confession and Intercession."

The Cathedral was open for private prayer and meditation before and after the service, which lasted for about half an hour.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Hong-kong will be taking to-day's service which will commence at 8.30 p.m. He will take as his text: "The Increasing Church."

## French Premier Breaks Ankle

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It has been officially announced that the French Prime Minister, M. Edouard Daladier, broke his ankle in an accident on Sunday.

The announcement said that the X-ray examination disclosed that the fractured joint has been "satisfactorily restored to its correct position."

M. Daladier resumed his duties at the War Office to-day.

## BRITISH C-IN-C. DECORATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced that General Marie Gamelin and Major General Georges Luchet with Mr. Winston Churchill as guests of General Viscount Gort at the British Headquarters.

General Sir Edmund Ironside was also present.

During the luncheon, General Gamelin decorated Viscount Gort and General Ironside with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

Detachments of the Welsh Guards and French Zouaves formed a guard of honour.

## TRADE PARLEYS BREAK DOWN

U.S. And Argentine Abandoned Scheme

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The United States and the Argentine have agreed to abandon completely negotiations for a trade treaty.

These negotiations broke down last week. The State Department ascribes the failure of the negotiations to the impossibility of reaching an agreement on the subject of customs quotas for typical Argentinian exports such as linseed and tinned beef.

## CANADIAN C.O. ENTERTAINED

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The leader of the Canadian Overseas Army, Major-General Andrew McNaughton, and his two senior officers, were entertained on Sunday by the Duke of Connaught at his Surrey residence.

His Royal Highness, who is a former Governor-General of Canada, showed an active interest in the welfare and training of the Canadian troops.

Major-General McNaughton said that the British authorities had done their utmost to make the Canadians comfortable and to help with their training.

The U-bent then disappeared.

## 20-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN GIRL AIDS CHINESE

CHUNGKING, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—A pretty 20-year-old American girl, Miss Betty Graham, of Seattle, Washington, is driving an International Red Cross truck between the major cities of Central China, braving the dangers of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

After arriving at Chungking on Sunday night, Miss Graham will be on the road again on Wednesday when her truck leaves with medical supplies for Kweichow, the capital of Kweichow.

She left Shanghai last November and travelled alone from Ningpo to Kweichow and later to Kunming and Kweichow.

In 1936, Miss Graham was arrested in Manchuria as a spy and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. The sentence was rescinded, although, as she recalled in an interview here, "I enthusiastically offered to go to jail."

In 1937 she made a trip from India to Europe overland via Afghanistan.

"I want to call China my home. I expect to stay here a long time and I will concentrate on learning the language," she says.

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## FOOD RATIONS, AND WHY

British Ministry's Four Reasons

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Food Ministry announces to-day the following reasons for rationing:

- 1.—It prevents the waste of food. We must not ask sailors to bring unnecessary food cargoes at the risk of their lives.
- 2.—It increases the war effort. Reduction of the purchases of food abroad releases ships bringing other imports.
- 3.—It divides supplies equally.
- 4.—It prevents uncertainty.

## Not A Deprivation

Properly regarded, it is a system not of deprivation but of convenience. With the quantities assured and alternatives available, the diet of the nation will lose nothing in food values, while the relief to shipping will free it for cargoes which are vital to victory.

And the public needed a stimulus to a cheerful acceptance of the plan, it was found in Mr. W. S. Morrison's plea that we should not ask seafaring men to add to the risks they are hourly taking with such fine courage by bringing us excess food.

## Bigger Rations For Tommies

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—Soldiers, sailors and airmen on leave in England will have much larger ration allowances than civilians. The latter are entitled to 12 ounces of sugar, four ounces of bacon and lard, and four ounces of butter weekly, whereas members of the Force on leave may have 21 ounces, 14 ounces and seven ounces respectively of these commodities.

## Eire May Have New Government

DUBLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Dr. Hyde, President of Eire, has nominated six additional members to sit at the Council of State. They mostly belong to the Cosgrave Party.

It is seen in these nominations an indication of closer political co-operation between the Government and the Opposition parties, and some quarters even suggest that it may foreshadow a national government with the object of overcoming the present difficulties.

## TURKISH 'QUAKE RELIEF GIFT

LAHORE, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A sum of £1,500 has been collected at a public meeting in Lahore for Turkish earthquake victims. A message of sympathy will be sent from the people of Lahore.

VIGO, Spain, Jan. 8 (UP).—The French patrol ship Barsac, 1,049 tons, is grounded on Onza Island, at the mouth of the Marin River, and she is a total wreck. Ten members of the crew are missing.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (Dome).—It is understood that during the current Congress session a definite plan for strengthening the defenses in Alaska will be submitted. Informed quarters point out that as part of the rearmament scheme, the Army will establish a big air base in Alaska while the Navy will open a naval base at Dutch Harbour.

Charges Against Chinese Doctor  
Charged on two counts of unlawful possession of poisons and morphine, Li Ki-fong, 50, a medical doctor residing at No. 1 Marsh Road, Wanchai, appeared before Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy this morning when the case was remanded for 48 hours.

Mr. Alfred Hon appeared for Li and Sub-Inspector Darkin prosecuted. Li was allowed bail of \$500.

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